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ECONOMIC GROWTH AND EXPORTS

The Manitoba Bureau of Statistics (MBS) estimates that REAL GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) grew at an annual rate of 3.6% in the third quarter of 1999, up from 2.9% in the second quarter. That strong growth can be partly attributed to the Pan Am games held in the province last August.

Based on data to the third quarter, MBS is now estimating real GDP growth of 2.3% for the province in 1999, down from our earlier estimate of 2.6% growth. This slight downward revision was largely prompted by weaker than expected performance in the manufacturing and mining sectors. Real growth at the national level for 1999 is now estimated at 3.6%.

The service-producing sector was the chief factor for growth in 1999, expanding by 3.6% in real terms. Growth was particularly strong in accommodation, food and beverage industries, with a 7.6% gain spurred on by last summer's Pan Am games. But growth was general right across the service-producing sector last year, with notable gains in areas as diverse as business services (up 6.1%), transportation and storage (up 4.9%) and retail trade (up 3.4%).

Manitoba's goods-producing sector did not fair nearly as well, declining by 0.7% in 1999. MBS estimates that output in the mining industry fell 9.1%, partly because of work stoppages. Agriculture continued to experience problems, with a decline of 2.1%. Manufacturing was also weaker in 1999, as growth slowed to 1.3% from 6.2% in 1998. Slower shipments of farm machinery and equipment contributed to the manufacturing slowdown.

The current CONFERENCE BOARD Provincial Outlook (November 1999) estimates real economic growth for Manitoba in 1999 at just 1.2%, down sharply from their earlier forecast of 2.7% and well below Canada's expected 3.6% gain for the year. The new Conference Board numbers put Manitoba in ninth place provincially in terms of real GDP growth for 1999. Alberta was the only other province to have its growth forecast lowered over this period.

The AVERAGE OF SEVEN MAJOR FORECASTERS pegs Manitoba's real GDP growth at 2.6% in 2000. That is somewhat below Canada's forecasted 3.4% expansion for 2000, and tied with Nova Scotia for sixth place among the provinces. For 2001, Manitoba's real GDP growth is expected to remain fairly steady at 2.5%, tied with Quebec for sixth place among the provinces. The national economy is forecast to grow by 2.8% next year.

Manitoba merchandise EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES totalled $6.49 billion in 1999, a 6.9% increase from the previous year. Manitoba imports from the US for the year totalled $7.13 billion, down 4.2% from 1998 levels. The drop in imports kept our merchandise trade deficit with the US to just $644.8 million, down 53.2% from a deficit of $1.38 billion in 1998. At the national level, merchandise exports to the US rose 14.2% in 1999. Manitoba's somewhat slower growth in 1999 follows seven consecutive years of double-digit growth in merchandise exports to the US.

Once again Manitoba's manufacturing sector drove much of our gain in the American market. Manufacturers shipped merchandise valued at $4.8 billion, an increase of $269.2 million (up 6.0%) from 1998. Leading exporters to the American market in 1999 included transportation equipment industries (up $203.2 million or 20.5%), wood industries (up $149.1 million or 43.7%) and chemical products (up $139.5 million or 78.6%).

Manitoba EXPORTS TO THE WORLD were down 1.5% in 1999, lagging Canada's 11.1% increase. Our decline in total exports was driven by slower growth in exports to the US and sharply lower exports to countries other than the US, where sales were 27.1% lower than the year before. Most of this decline is driven by lower grain exports.

OTHER AGGREGATE INDICATORS

Manitoba's total POPULATION was estimated at 1,144,800 persons as of October 1, 1999, an increase of 1,300 persons from the revised July 1, 1999 estimate of 1,143,500. Since October 1, 1998, Manitoba's total population has grown by an estimated 6,000 persons or 0.5%. Our population growth rate on an October over October basis is the strongest annual gain since 1994 and ranks sixth place provincially. Canada's annual growth rate as of October 1, 1999 was 0.8%.

Manitoba recorded a net loss of 517 persons through interprovincial migration in the third quarter of 1999, down from a net loss of 709 persons during the same quarter last year. This year's third quarter performance is our best since 1985, when the quarterly net loss was 501 persons.

For the first three-quarters of 1999, Manitoba's total net interprovincial migration loss was just 726 persons, down from a net loss of 2,387 persons for the same period last year. When complete numbers are in for 1999, Manitoba's net loss for the year should be in the 1,100 to 1,400 range, our best year since the 1985 net loss of 1,755 persons.

Most of this year's current net loss to the end of the third quarter has been to Alberta (-665) and Ontario (-652). It was somewhat offset by gains from Quebec (154), British Columbia (110), Saskatchewan (92) and the Yukon (79) among others.

TOTAL NEW CAPITAL INVESTMENT for Manitoba is forecast at $4.89 billion, down $259 million (-5.0%) from the revised 1999 level of $5.15 billion. The forecast decline for Manitoba is the first since 1991. Total new capital investment at the national level is expected to rise 1.3% in 2000. Most of our forecast decline in total capital spending for 2000 is in the public sector.

Manitoba PUBLIC SECTOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT this year is forecast to total $938.2 million, down $180.8 million (-16.2%) from last year. According to Statistics Canada, public administration by the line departments of government (federal, provincial and municipal combined) accounts for $37.4 million of the forecast decline in Manitoba. Another part of the overall public sector decrease reflects the completion of casino renovations in Winnipeg last

year. The rest of the forecast decline is spread out in relatively small amounts over a number of different areas.

NEW CAPITAL INVESTMENT BY MANITOBA'S PRIVATE SECTOR is also forecast to decline slightly in 2000, down $78.2 million (-1.9%) from last year and sixth place provincially. The national increase is currently forecast at a marginal 0.7%, with most of that concentrated in Alberta, Ontario and British Columbia. Much of the decline in private sector investment is in two areas – transportation and warehousing and finance and insurance. New capital investment in transportation and warehousing is forecast at $467.9 million this year, down $225.5 million from 1999. This largely reflects the winding down of oil and gas pipeline construction from the high levels of activity over the last few years. Railway investment is also expected to be lower in 2000. The decline in finance and insurance (down $54.8 million or 23.3%) largely reflects fewer vehicles being leased in the province. Vehicle leasing expenditures show up as machinery investment in the finance sector.

But there are areas of growth, including mining (up $64.6 million) and manufacturing (up $74.9 million). Our growth rate in manufacturing capital investment is forecast at 13.6%, third best among the provinces and follows two years of decline. Manufacturing investment at the national level is expected to decline 0.9% this year.

Statistics Canada has REVISED ALL LABOUR FORCE SURVEY (LFS) DATA for Canada and the provinces back to 1976. The main reason for the revision was to incorporate a more current population benchmark for the survey based on the 1996 Census. Statistics Canada has also changed the methodology used to produce LFS estimates, with the aim of reducing some of the volatility associated with the survey in the past.

The impact of the revision has generally been to lower employment totals at the national and provincial level, and the changes are most significant since about 1994. Employment totals for Manitoba, Quebec and Ontario have been revised downward more sharply than most.

Manitoba's total employment growth for 1999 is now estimated at 7,000 jobs, not the 10,700 previously estimated by Statistics Canada. Our job growth rate for 1999 is now 1.3%, down from 2.0% and ninth place among the provinces. Because our employment growth for 1998 was revised up to 1.9% from the previous 1.4%, these new numbers have minimal impact on Manitoba's performance over the last two years. The old data put our total job gain over the last two years at 18,500, while the new data yields a slightly lower gain of 17,100.

Manitoba's TOTAL SEASONALLY ADJUSTED EMPLOYMENT reached an estimated 549,900 persons in January 2000, a gain of 3,900 persons from the previous month. Our monthly job growth rate was 0.7%, fifth place among the provinces and stronger than Canada's 0.3% increase last month. Full-time employment drove last month's gain in Manitoba, with an increase of 4,300 jobs.

There are now 12,400 more jobs in the province than there were a year ago in January 1999, a 2.3% gain. But because growth in other parts of the country was so much stronger, our performance on this basis ranks only eighth place provincially, lagging the national gain of

2.8% from a year ago. Our increase of 12,400 jobs since January 1999 was driven by a gain of 16,200 full-time jobs, partly offset by a loss of approximately 3,800 part-time positions.

Manitoba's SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE held steady at 5.2% in January 2000, as strong labour force growth offset job gains. Our 5.2% jobless rate was well below Canada's 6.8% and tied with Alberta for the second lowest in the country after Saskatchewan at 5.1%. Manitoba's unemployment rate is now 0.6 percentage points below the 5.8% recorded in January 1999.

The YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE in Manitoba was 10.5% last month, second lowest among the provinces and well below the national youth jobless rate of 13.1%. Saskatchewan had the lowest rate at 10.4% in January. Manitoba current youth unemployment rate of 10.5% is 1.6 percentage points lower than the 12.1% rate recorded a year ago in January 1999.

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS in Manitoba fell 0.2% in November 1999 compared to November 1998, while advancing 1.6% at the national level. For the eleven months to November 1999, Manitoba's increase was 0.5% compared with the same period the previous year, eighth place among the provinces. There has been an increase of 0.6% in average weekly earnings at the national level on a year-to-date basis to the end of November 1999.

According to Statistics Canada, the transportation, communications and utilities sector saw the largest increase on a year-to-date basis, with average weekly wages up 3.97% over the same eleven months in 1998, followed by finance, insurance and real estate (up 1.7%), manufacturing (1.0%) and wholesale and retail trade (up 0.3%). Average weekly wages in community, business and personal services were 0.6% lower, while declines in mining (down – 3.8%) and construction (down 3.0%) were somewhat steeper.

The Manitoba ALL ITEMS CONSUMER PRICE INDEX rose 2.3% in December 1999 compared with December 1998, up from an annual rate of 2.1% in November. Canada's annual rate of price increase last month was higher than ours at 2.6%, up from 2.2% the previous month. On an annual average basis for the year, Manitoba's all-items index was up 1.9%, tied with Ontario for the second largest increase among the provinces. The national rate was 1.7%.

SECTORAL INDICATORS

TOTAL FARM CASH RECEIPTS received by Manitoba farmers in 1999 was $3.0 billion, compared with $2.9 billion in 1998. Despite the large decrease in crop receipts, farm cash receipts for 1999 rose 2.8% from last year due to increased direct payments and increased revenues from livestock.

CROP RECEIPTS continue to decrease, with the fourth quarter of 1999, down 25.5% from the fourth quarter of 1998. On a year over year basis crop receipts decreased 7.2%. Price declines were reported for all major grains and oilseeds. Abundant world grain supplies have caused the downward spiral of prices. LIVESTOCK RECEIPTS increased 6.7% over 1998 reaching a record $1.3 billion in 1999.

DIRECT PAYMENTS reached $211.7 million in 1999. Net Income Stabilization Account (NISA) payments increased $28.6 million over 1998 (96.5%) due to higher withdrawals from the government portion of the account. Other payments increased from $12.6 million in 1998 to $112.5 million in 1999. This increase is due to payments received from new programs such as the Agriculture Income Disaster Assistance (AIDA) program and the Unseeded Acreage Benefits program.

NET CASH INCOME (which reflects the cash flow of the farm business) increased 8.7% from 1998 to 1999. Part of the reason for the increase in net cash income is because liquidation of deferred grain receipts was 25.9% higher in 1999 than in 1998. It should also be noted that the level of deferments is down 47.0% in 1999 over 1998. TOTAL NET INCOME (net cash income plus the value of inventory change plus income-in-kind minus depreciation) decreased 47.4 % in 1999 from 1998. This decrease is due to a $197.5 million decline in the value of farm inventories in 1999 compared to 1998.

Total growth in Manitoba MANUFACTURING SHIPMENTS stalled in 1999. For the year, the total value of shipments fell 2.4% compared with 1998. This was last place provincially and below Canada's 9.3% annual gain in 1999.

The main area of weakness in Manitoba's performance last year was in machinery industries (down $382 million or 31.0%). That decline can be largely linked to lower production by Manitoba's farm equipment manufacturers in the face of problems in the farm economy. Weakness was also evident in electrical and electronic products (down $75 million or 20.4%), primary metals (down $67 million or 10.8%) and fabricated metal products (down $34 million or 5.4%).

Areas of strength in 1999 included: transportation equipment (up $34 million or 2.0%), food processing (up $110 million or 4.8%), wood industries (up $22 million or 4.5%), plastics (up $39 million or 13.9%), chemical products (up $48 million or 10.4%) and printing and publishing (up $22 million or 3.3%).

Last year, MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT in the province averaged 64,500 persons, up 2.9% on an annual basis and below Canada's 4.9% increase. Despite somewhat slower job gains for the sector in 1999, growth since the early 1990's has been generally strong. Annual employment growth in Manitoba's manufacturing sector outperformed the national average four times between 1994 and 1999. Growth for those years totalled 15,200 jobs, a gain of 30.8%. This was third strongest performance among the provinces and ahead of Canada's 24.1% increase.

In January 2000, manufacturing employment was estimated at 67,400 persons, an 8.9% gain from the same month last year. This was above Canada's 5.7% increase over the same period and the fourth strongest gain among the provinces.

Manitoba RETAIL SALES in November 1999 were up 3.2% from the same month the previous year, lagging Canada's 7.5% increase over the same period. For the eleven months to November 1999, sales in Manitoba were up 2.4% over the same period in 1998. That is eighth place among the provinces, and below the equivalent national gain of 5.4% over the same

period. Canadian retail sales growth to November 1999 was largely driven by very strong gains in Ontario (up 7.5%) and Quebec (up 5.8%).

A slowdown in motor vehicle sales over the last two years has dampened overall retail sales figures for the province. Motor vehicle sales rose just 1.6% in 1998 and are down a marginal 0.5% on a year-to-date basis so far this year. Overall retail sales growth in Manitoba up to November 1999 was concentrated in Winnipeg, where total sales were 4.8% higher than during the same eleven months last year. Sales in other parts of the province were down 1.2% over the same period.

Manitoba retailers have enjoyed strong growth in recent years, with annual sales gains that outpaced the national average for three straight years in 1995 (up 5.9%), 1996 (up 6.6%) and 1997 (up 8.4%). That growth slowed considerably last year, with a total sales gain of just 2.1% over 1997, below Canada's 3.6% increase. Again, slower motor vehicle sales explain much of Manitoba's weaker retail sales performance in 1998.

There were 3,133 HOUSING STARTS IN ALL AREAS of the province (urban and rural combined) in 1999, an 8.2% gain over the 1998 total. This was slightly below Canada's 9.1% increase and sixth place among the provinces. Our growth last year was driven by a huge gain in apartment starts. There were 661 apartment unit starts in the province last year, more than twice the 1998 total. Single detached starts in Manitoba were down 5.8% last year.

There were 2,094 HOUSING STARTS IN MANITOBA URBAN AREAS in 1999, a 12.8% gain over the preceding year. Our growth rate was the strongest in western Canada and the fifth best among the provinces. Last year's increase in Manitoba was driven by very strong growth in multiple unit starts, up 57.5% to 764 starts. Construction of single-detached homes declined 3.0% to 1,330 starts. Nineteen ninety-nine was the third consecutive year in which Manitoba urban starts outpaced the national average.

The value of Manitoba BUILDING PERMITS was $45.5 million in December of 1999. On an annual basis for the 1999, the value totalled $879.4 million. This is a decrease of $152.4 million or 14.8% less than 1998.

However, it should be noted that 1998 was a particularly strong year for building permits, they were 49.6% higher than in 1997 and the only year in which the value surpassed one billion dollars ($1.03 billion). Most of 1999's decrease has been in the non-residential sector where permits were down 22.5% or $149.9 million less than in 1998. The largest non-residential decline was in industrial permits, which were $129.1 million less than last year. Residential permits saw only a slight reduction, $364.2 million in 1999 versus $366.7 in 1998.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT ECONOMIC INDICATORS
YEAR TO DATE SUMMARY
AS OF FEB 24, 2000

	DATE	% CHANGE MANITOBA	% CHANGE CANADA	CURRENT MB RANK
AT OR ABOVE CANADIAN AVERAGE				
Unemployment Rate	Jan 2000	5.2	6.8	2
Real GDP At Market Prices	1998	3.3	3.1	3
Farm Cash Receipts	4thQ 1999	2.8	2.2	7
BELOW CANADIAN AVERAGE				
Retail Trade	Nov 1999	2.4	5.4	8
Employment	Jan 2000	2.3	2.8	8
Consumer Price Index	Dec 1999	2.0	1.7	9
Real GDP At Factor Cost (1)	1999	1.2	3.6	9
Average Weekly Earnings	Nov 1999	0.5	0.6	8
Population	Oct 1999	0.5	0.8	6
Manufacturing Shipments	Dec 1999	-2.4	9.3	10
Capital Investment	2000	-5.0	1.3	7
Construction Work	1999	-13.2	5.1	10
Building Permits	Dec 1999	-14.8	7.7	10
Urban Housing Starts (2)	Jan 2000	-67.2	0.4	10

All Data Sources Are Statistics Canada Unless Otherwise Indicated.

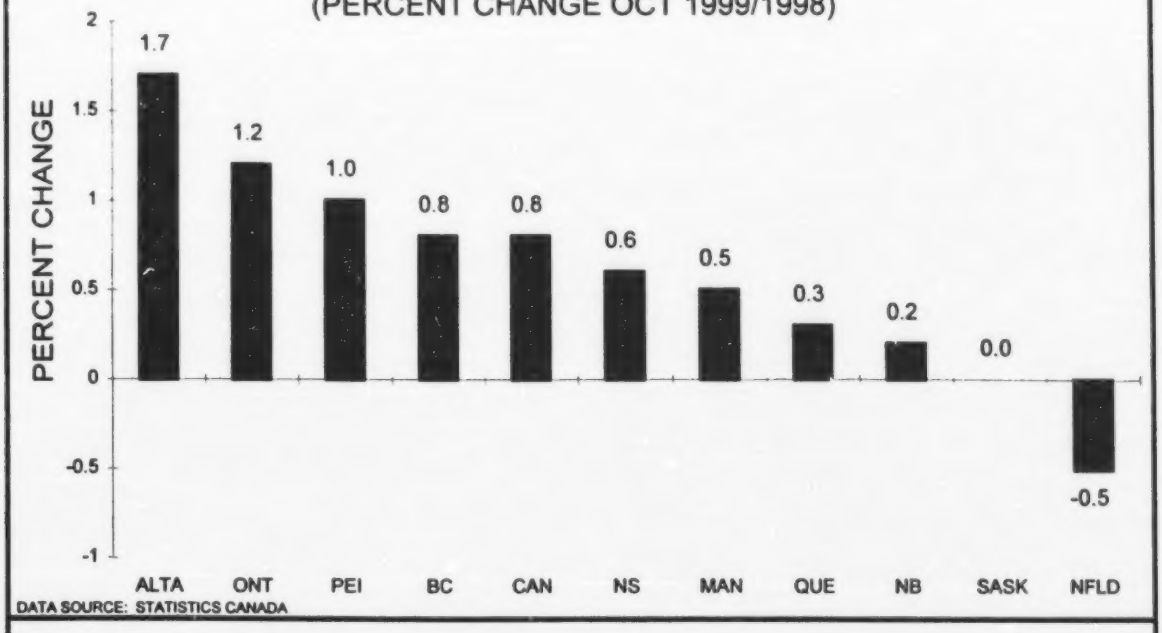
Data Source: (1) Conference Board
(2) Canada Mortgage And Housing Corporation

MANITOBA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	POPULATION (THOUS.)	S.A. TOTAL EMPLOYED (THOUS.)	S.A. TOTAL UNEMPL. RATE (%)	AVG WKLY EARNINGS INDUSTR. AGGREGATE ($)	CPI MAN ALL ITEMS (1992=100)	TOTAL CAPITAL INVESTMENT ($MILLION)	REAL GDP FACTOR COST ($MILLIONS)	REAL GDP MARKET PRICES ($MILLIONS)	FARM CASH RECEIPTS ($MILLION)	MFG SHIPMENTS ($MILLION)	RETAIL TRADE ($MILLION)	URBAN HOUSING STARTS (NO.)	BLDG. PERMITS ($MILLION)	NEW CONST WORK PERFORMED ($MILLIONS)
1995	1,129.8	519.0	7.2	505.43	106.9	3,814.1	22,991.0	26,446.0	2,523.1	8,334.3	7,432.1	1,215.0	525.4	2,136.6
1996	1,134.3	518.6	7.2	515.85	109.2	3,978.0	23,619.0	25,990.0	2,815.9	8,971.5	7,920.1	1,243.0	592.3	2,310.7
1997	1,136.6	525.6	6.5	524.33	111.6	4,882.3	24,710.0	26,955.0	3,065.4	9,999.0	8,588.9	1,664.0	689.6	2,573.7
1998	1,138.0	535.7	5.5	541.26	113.0	4,990.6	25,465.0	27,842.0	2,945.9	10,613.2	8,771.8	1,856.0	1,031.8	2,879.2
1999	1,143.5	542.7	5.6		115.2	5,152.8	25,768.0		3,029.2	10,359.0		2,094.0	879.4	2,499.7
2000						4,893.8								
1999														
JAN	1,139.6	537.5	5.8	539.64	113.8				901.8	792.2	635.2	192.0	56.4	
FEB		539.5	5.5	541.30	113.9					803.2	600.6	71.0	34.4	
MAR		541.1	5.5	538.07	113.8					924.3	714.7	142.0	62.6	
APR	1,141.5	540.5	5.8	543.53	114.6				611.4	883.1	748.6	202.0	99.6	
MAY		543.0	5.3	541.13	115.1					924.7	761.8	189.0	88.0	
JUN		544.2	5.7	546.61	115.2					906.6	776.6	201.0	83.0	
JUL	1,143.5	541.0	5.8	549.28	115.4				739.7	769.8	771.8	289.0	84.6	
AUG		544.0	6.3	545.70	115.7					827.1	764.3	197.0	84.4	
SEP		545.0	5.8	539.39	116.2					917.2	773.7	160.0	90.5	
OCT	1,144.8	543.6	5.4	545.62	116.2				776.2	898.2	754.3	248.0	85.7	
NOV		547.1	5.2	546.68	116.1					901.1	759.7	116.0	64.9	
DEC		546.0	5.2		116.5					811.3		87.0	45.5	
2000												63.0		
JAN		549.9	5.2											
YTD	1,144.8	549.9	5.2	543.36	9.6				3,029.2	10,359.0	8,061.3	63.0	879.4	
1995	0.5	1.9		0.9	2.7	7.3	3.2	0.6	2.6	10.5	5.9	-27.0	-23.3	3.0
1996	0.4	-0.1		2.1	2.2	4.3	2.7	2.1	11.6	7.6	6.6	2.3	12.7	8.1
1997	0.2	1.3		1.6	2.2	22.7	4.6	3.7	8.9	11.5	8.4	33.9	16.4	11.4
1998	0.1	1.9		3.2	1.3	2.2	3.1	3.3	-3.9	6.1	2.1	11.5	49.6	11.9
1999	0.5	1.3			1.9	3.3	1.2		2.8	-2.4		12.8	-14.8	-13.2
2000						-5.0								
CURR/ PREV YTD	0.5	2.3		0.5	2.0				2.8	-2.4	2.4	-67.2	-14.8	
MB 99/98	6	9	1	8	9	6	9	-	7	10	8	5	10	10
RK 00/99	-	8	2	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-

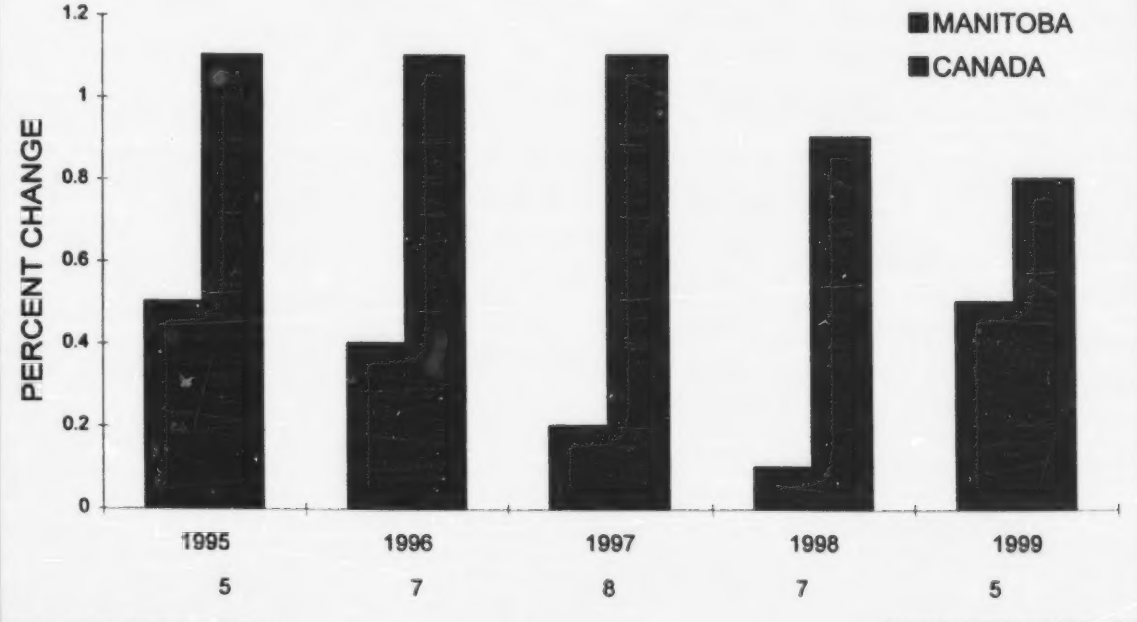
All data sources are Statistics Canada with these exceptions: Real GDP at Factor Cost (Conference Board), Business and Consumer Bankruptcies (Industry Canada) and Housing Starts (CMHC). All data is actual unless specified as seasonally adjusted (S.A.).
Ranking is in ascending numerical order from best performance (1) to worst (10).

CHART 1 POPULATION ESTIMATES
(PERCENT CHANGE OCT 1999/1998)



DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

(PERCENT CHANGE 1995 - 1999)



DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA
NUMBERS INDICATE MANITOBA PROVINCIAL RANK FROM HIGHEST(1) TO LOWEST(10)

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POPULATION ESTIMATES (THOUSANDS OF PERSONS)

	MAN	CAN	NFLD	PEI	NS	NB	QUE	ONT	SASK	ALTA	BC
1995	1,129.8	29,353.9	568.0	134.8	927.7	751.8	7,241.4	10,964.9	1,014.2	2,739.9	3,784.0
1996	1,134.3	29,671.9	560.6	136.2	931.2	753.0	7,274.0	11,100.9	1,019.5	2,780.6	3,882.0
1997	1,136.6	29,987.2	554.1	136.9	934.5	754.2	7,302.6	11,249.5	1,022.0	2,837.2	3,959.7
1998	1,138.0	30,246.9	545.4	137.0	936.1	753.5	7,323.0	11,384.4	1,025.2	2,906.9	3,998.3
1999	1,143.5	30,491.3	541.0	138.0	939.8	755.0	7,345.4	11,513.8	1,027.8	2,964.7	4,023.1
1998											
JAN	1,136.1	30,111.3	550.1	136.9	935.8	754.3	7,312.8	11,310.6	1,023.4	2,866.5	3,985.4
APR	1,136.7	30,168.3	547.5	136.7	935.8	753.7	7,317.3	11,341.1	1,024.0	2,884.6	3,991.6
JUL	1,138.0	30,246.9	545.4	137.0	936.1	753.5	7,323.0	11,384.4	1,025.2	2,906.9	3,998.3
OCT	1,138.8	30,320.3	543.9	137.2	937.5	753.9	7,330.5	11,422.8	1,027.4	2,924.9	4,004.7
1999											
JAN	1,139.6	30,348.5	543.2	137.4	937.6	753.8	7,334.4	11,431.5	1,027.9	2,935.8	4,008.8
APR	1,141.5	30,404.1	541.6	137.5	937.8	754.1	7,338.6	11,463.5	1,027.9	2,948.1	4,014.7
JUL	1,143.5	30,491.3	541.0	138.0	939.8	755.0	7,345.4	11,513.8	1,027.8	2,964.7	4,023.1
OCT	1,144.8	30,572.5	541.0	138.6	942.7	755.7	7,352.7	11,559.6	1,027.3	2,973.6	4,037.2

	% CHANGE (YEAR OVER YEAR)											MAN. RANK
1995	0.5	1.1	-1.2	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.5	1.3	0.4	1.3	2.8	5
1996	0.4	1.1	-1.3	1.0	0.4	0.2	0.5	1.2	0.5	1.5	2.6	7
1997	0.2	1.1	-1.2	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.4	1.3	0.2	2.0	2.0	8
1998	0.1	0.9	-1.6	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.3	1.2	0.3	2.5	1.0	7
1999	0.5	0.8	-0.8	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.3	1.1	0.3	2.0	0.5	5
OCT 99/ OCT 98	0.5	0.8	-0.5	1.0	0.6	0.2	0.3	1.2	0.0	1.7	0.8	6

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA
NOTE: ANNUAL ESTIMATES ARE AS OFJULY 1ST

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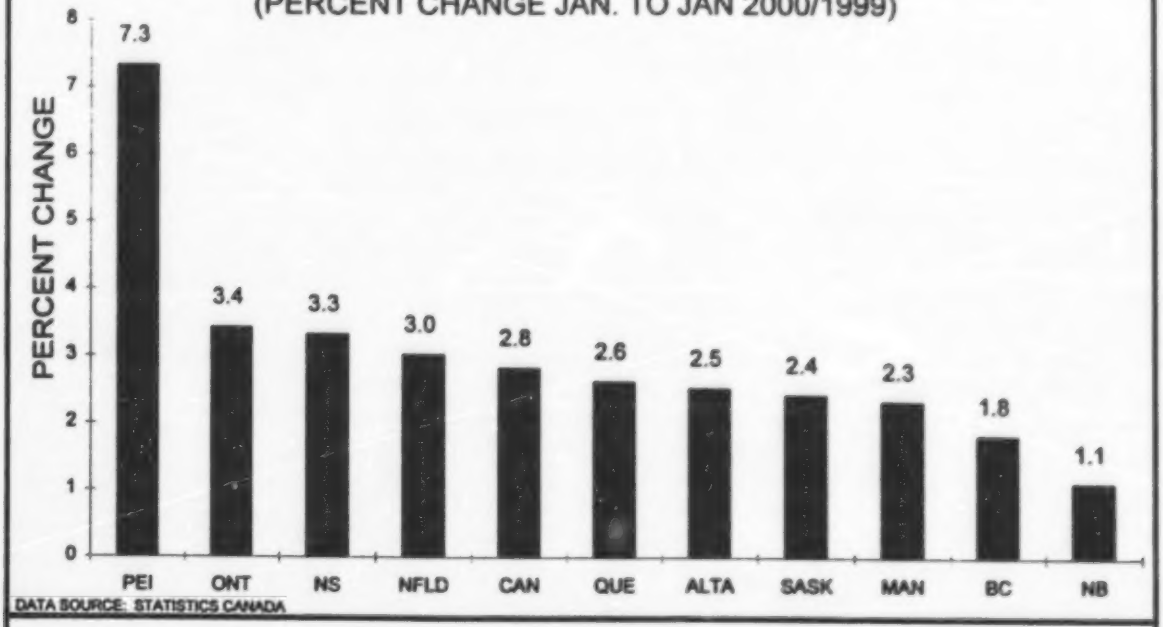
CHART 2 EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)
(PERCENT CHANGE JAN. TO JAN 2000/1999)



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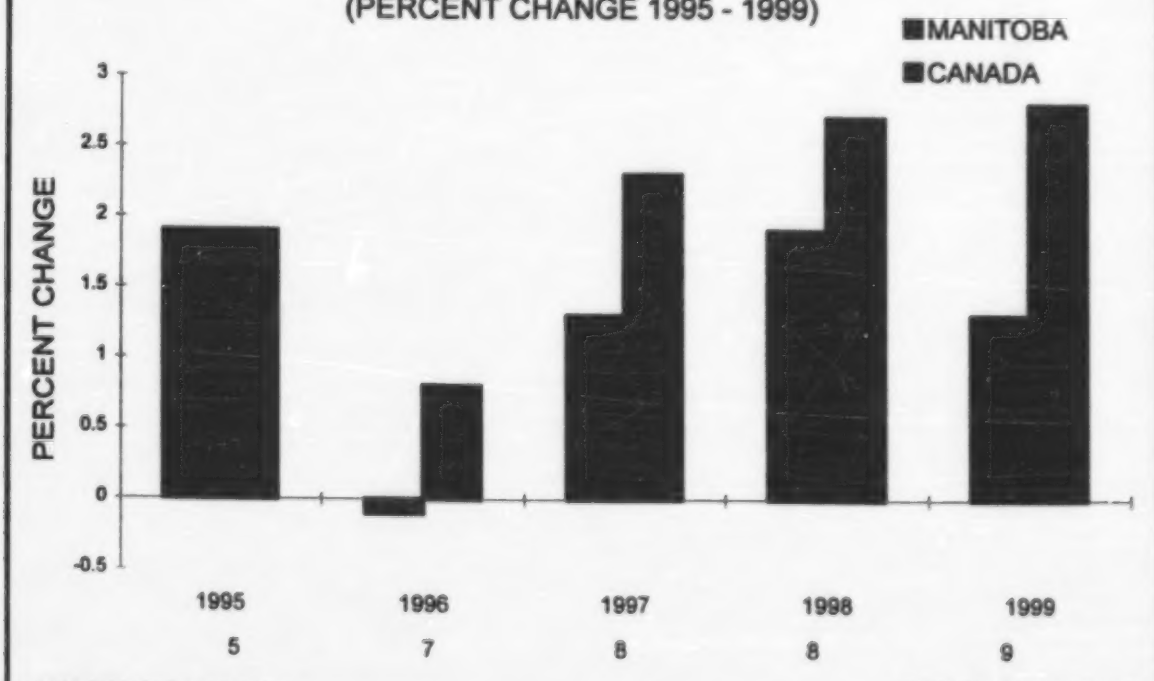

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NUMBERS INDICATE MANITOBA PROVINCIAL RANK FROM HIGHEST(1) TO LOWEST(10)

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EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE (THOUSANDS OF PERSONS) - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	MAN	CAN	NFLD	PEI	NS	NB	QUE	ONT	SASK	ALTA	BC
1995	519.0	13,356.9	194.3	57.3	377.1	309.9	3,147.5	5,130.6	459.4	1,369.3	1,792.3
1996	518.6	13,462.6	187.0	58.9	378.1	306.2	3,145.9	5,180.8	457.5	1,408.4	1,821.2
1997	525.6	13,774.4	189.3	59.2	384.3	310.7	3,195.1	5,313.4	470.0	1,457.9	1,869.0
1998	535.7	14,140.4	194.2	60.4	398.9	317.8	3,281.5	5,490.0	476.3	1,515.4	1,870.2
1999	542.7	14,531.2	204.9	61.3	408.6	328.4	3,357.4	5,688.1	480.1	1,553.3	1,906.4
1999											
JAN	537.5	14,388.6	198.2	60.0	404.1	328.8	3,340.3	5,603.5	476.7	1,537.4	1,902.2
FEB	539.5	14,394.5	200.7	60.5	402.3	328.8	3,325.7	5,610.8	477.1	1,544.8	1,904.3
MAR	541.1	14,401.9	198.6	60.2	403.4	328.9	3,310.8	5,638.6	476.6	1,541.7	1,901.9
APR	540.5	14,448.8	198.5	61.0	409.4	327.7	3,334.6	5,657.0	477.4	1,543.5	1,899.2
MAY	543.0	14,492.3	208.7	60.6	410.5	327.7	3,342.9	5,682.5	475.0	1,545.5	1,895.8
JUN	544.2	14,510.7	205.1	61.3	410.6	325.2	3,338.6	5,679.7	481.3	1,560.9	1,903.9
JUL	541.0	14,544.2	206.7	61.6	408.5	327.8	3,358.7	5,699.4	481.3	1,560.7	1,898.7
AUG	544.0	14,546.3	204.2	61.0	410.1	328.8	3,345.8	5,708.3	481.7	1,555.9	1,906.3
SEP	545.0	14,596.3	206.6	60.7	410.3	328.5	3,367.0	5,719.2	483.7	1,555.9	1,919.4
OCT	543.6	14,633.6	207.7	61.9	410.3	327.7	3,391.1	5,743.6	483.3	1,559.6	1,904.8
NOV	547.1	14,687.4	211.4	62.9	411.6	331.2	3,413.7	5,746.2	483.6	1,562.9	1,916.8
DEC	548.0	14,747.5	211.2	63.7	413.9	329.4	3,426.6	5,774.0	483.9	1,571.7	1,928.2
2000											
JAN	549.9	14,791.8	204.1	64.4	417.5	332.4	3,428.7	5,795.3	488.2	1,575.4	1,935.9
YTD AVG	549.9	14,791.8	204.1	64.4	417.5	332.4	3,428.7	5,795.3	488.2	1,575.4	1,935.9

	% CHANGE (YEAR OVER YEAR)											MAN. RANK
1995	1.9	1.9	1.1	3.4	1.0	3.2	1.5	1.8	0.8	2.8	2.2	5
1996	-0.1	0.8	-3.8	2.8	0.3	-1.2	-0.1	1.0	-0.4	2.9	1.6	7
1997	1.3	2.3	1.2	0.5	1.6	1.5	1.6	2.6	2.7	3.5	2.6	8
1998	1.9	2.7	2.6	2.0	3.8	2.3	2.7	3.3	1.3	3.9	0.1	8
1999	1.3	2.8	5.5	1.5	2.4	3.3	2.3	3.6	0.8	2.5	1.9	9
YTD 00/ YTD 99	2.3	2.8	3.0	7.3	3.3	1.1	2.6	3.4	2.4	2.5	1.8	8

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

NOTE: YEAR-TO-DATE PERCENT CHANGE IS BASED ON YEAR-TO-DATE AVERAGES.

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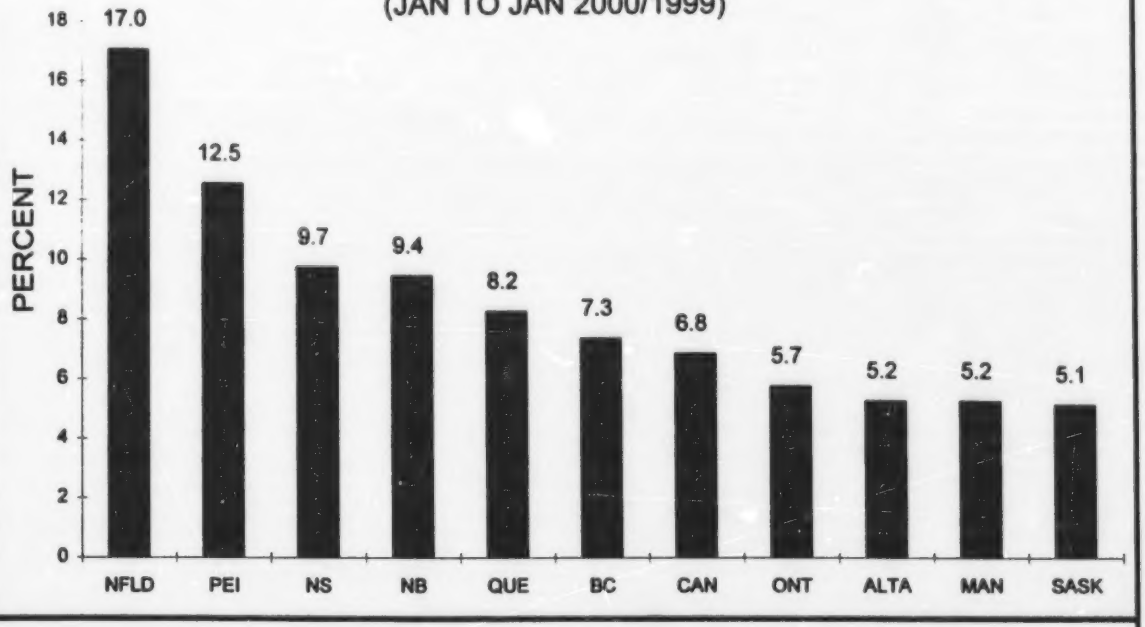
CHART 3 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)
(JAN TO JAN 2000/1999)



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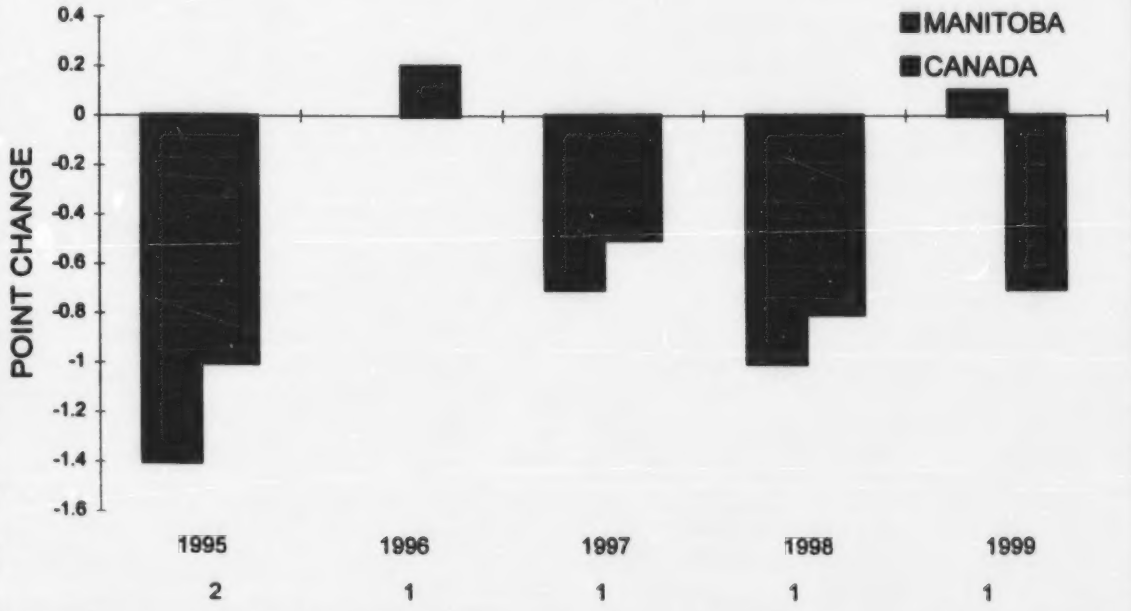

NUMBERS INDICATE MANITOBA PROVINCIAL RANK FROM LARGEST DECREASE (OR SMALLEST INCREASE) (1) TO LARGEST INCREASE (OR SMALLEST DECREASE) (10).

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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	MAN	CAN	NFLD	PEI	NS	NB	QUE	ONT	SASK	ALTA	BC	MAN. RANK
1995	7.2	9.4	18.1	15.0	12.1	11.2	11.4	8.7	6.6	7.8	8.4	2
1996	7.2	9.6	19.3	14.7	12.3	11.6	11.9	9.0	6.6	6.9	8.7	3
1997	6.5	9.1	18.6	15.4	12.1	12.7	11.4	8.4	5.9	5.8	8.4	3
1998	5.5	8.3	18.0	13.8	10.5	12.2	10.3	7.2	5.7	5.6	8.8	1
1999	5.6	7.6	16.9	14.4	9.6	10.2	9.3	6.3	6.1	5.7	8.3	1
1999												
JAN	5.8	7.9	18.0	16.1	9.5	11.6	9.8	6.6	6.4	6.0	8.3	1
FEB	5.5	7.9	16.2	15.3	10.5	11.6	9.8	6.7	6.7	5.8	8.3	1
MAR	5.5	7.9	18.1	15.7	10.3	10.7	9.7	6.6	6.4	5.9	8.6	1
APR	5.8	8.2	18.9	15.4	9.2	10.7	10.1	7.0	6.4	5.9	8.8	1
MAY	5.3	7.9	17.3	14.9	9.5	10.2	9.5	6.7	7.2	6.3	8.3	1
JUN	5.7	7.5	17.1	13.8	9.0	8.8	9.4	6.1	5.6	5.5	8.7	3
JUL	5.8	7.6	17.1	13.5	9.2	9.5	9.3	6.3	5.8	5.6	8.5	2
AUG	6.3	7.7	17.0	13.5	9.2	9.1	9.8	6.1	6.0	6.1	8.9	4
SEP	5.8	7.4	16.8	13.8	9.8	10.0	8.9	6.3	5.4	5.8	7.9	2
OCT	5.4	7.1	16.4	13.4	9.4	9.7	8.9	5.9	6.0	5.2	7.7	2
NOV	5.2	6.9	15.7	13.2	9.5	9.6	8.3	5.7	5.3	5.4	8.0	1
DEC	5.2	6.8	14.1	12.7	9.6	10.2	8.1	5.5	5.3	5.4	7.8	1
2000												
JAN	5.2	6.8	17.0	12.5	9.7	9.4	8.2	5.7	5.1	5.2	7.3	2
YTD												
AVG	5.2	6.8	17.0	12.5	9.7	9.4	8.2	5.7	5.1	5.2	7.3	2
					CHANGE IN POINTS (YEAR OVER YEAR)							
1995	-1.4	-1.0	-2.1	-2.2	-1.4	-1.2	-0.9	-0.9	-0.2	-0.9	-0.6	
1996	0.0	0.2	1.2	-0.3	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.0	-0.9	0.3	
1997	-0.7	-0.5	-0.7	0.7	-0.2	1.1	-0.5	-0.6	-0.7	-1.1	-0.3	
1998	-1.0	-0.8	-0.6	-1.6	-1.6	-0.5	-1.1	-1.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.4	
1999	0.1	-0.7	-1.1	0.6	-0.9	-2.0	-1.0	-0.9	0.4	0.1	-0.5	
JAN 00/												
JAN 99	-0.6	-1.1	-1.0	-3.6	0.2	-2.2	-1.6	-0.9	-1.3	-0.8	-1.0	

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA
NOTE: YEAR-TO-DATE POINT CHANGE IS BASED ON YEAR-TO-DATE AVERAGES

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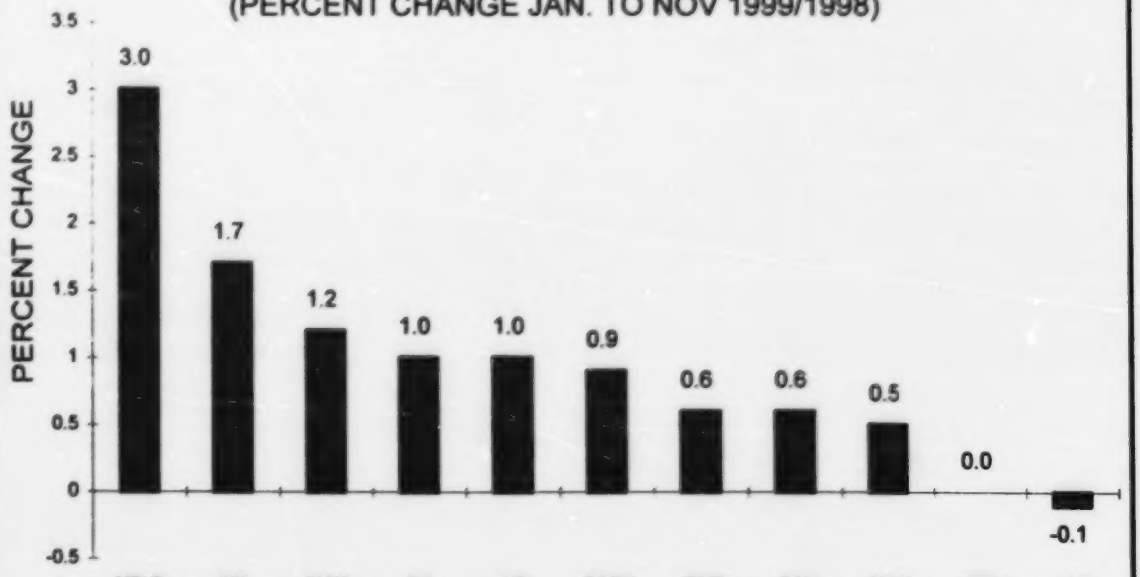
CHART 4 AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS
(PERCENT CHANGE JAN. TO NOV 1999/1998)



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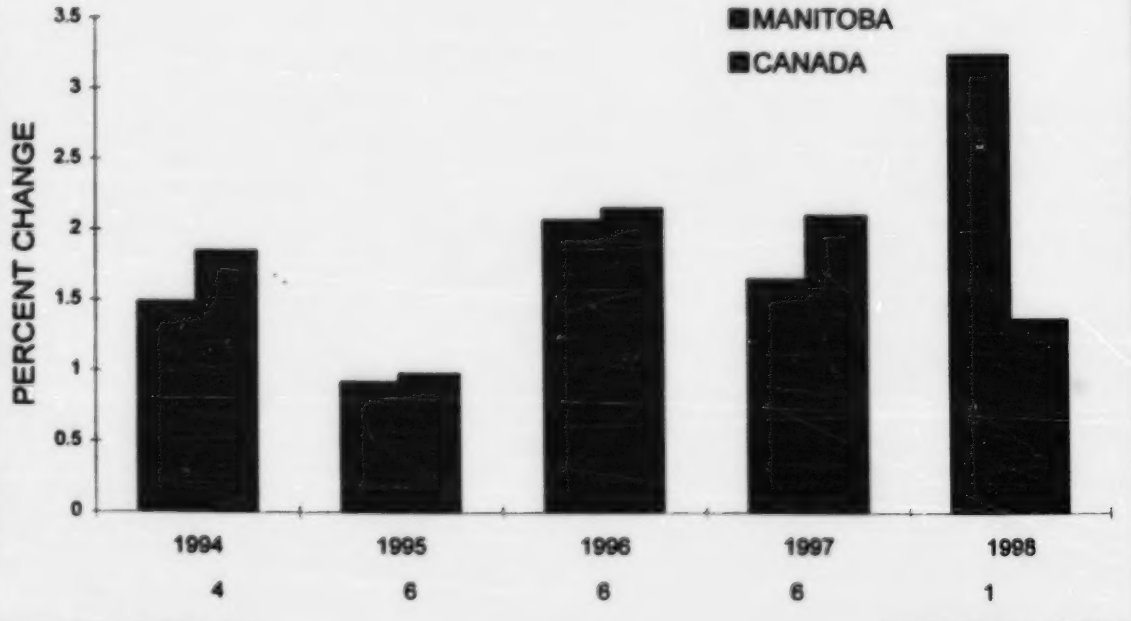

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AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, INDUSTRIAL AGGREGATE (DOLLARS)

	MAN	CAN	NFLD	PEI	NS	NB	QUE	ONT	SASK	ALTA	BC
1994	500.86	568.19	532.87	454.55	495.60	500.95	546.77	604.69	487.49	553.71	577.79
1995	505.43	573.71	525.79	466.24	489.17	510.31	549.62	610.26	492.30	554.02	594.53
1996	515.85	585.97	532.80	490.39	494.35	511.77	554.33	625.64	508.73	577.38	607.46
1997	524.33	598.22	527.53	475.46	501.39	522.62	564.92	638.92	527.08	600.36	614.12
1998	541.26	606.31	529.31	481.94	510.27	525.45	571.71	646.80	538.75	614.99	618.56
1998											
JAN	531.17	605.13	523.94	475.97	498.45	517.16	574.63	649.18	532.52	606.21	609.92
FEB	536.33	606.14	521.57	482.92	501.09	520.18	573.96	648.35	531.52	615.88	611.99
MAR	532.46	605.99	527.40	484.81	507.09	525.06	571.91	649.50	529.76	613.13	612.37
APR	532.89	608.06	528.20	493.32	510.60	530.31	576.10	650.21	533.46	613.72	614.94
MAY	538.27	603.94	526.46	481.82	513.07	527.52	569.18	644.60	536.04	611.13	615.06
JUN	540.63	608.04	522.95	473.13	514.90	523.25	570.59	650.47	542.23	615.04	624.90
JUL	547.01	606.76	527.77	474.41	519.41	533.20	570.20	646.13	544.74	618.25	621.33
AUG	545.21	605.77	524.33	467.36	511.11	529.08	569.14	644.65	538.98	618.77	624.60
SEP	545.86	602.89	527.78	484.83	505.37	524.25	566.48	641.70	537.93	612.33	621.52
OCT	550.23	608.11	536.18	489.70	509.84	530.59	575.42	645.64	546.63	616.60	623.04
NOV	547.78	606.04	540.97	480.89	512.94	520.08	571.24	644.17	541.25	615.55	621.31
DEC	547.25	608.90	544.11	494.12	519.39	524.70	571.61	647.00	549.94	623.24	621.79
1999											
JAN	539.64	605.95	532.21	476.27	505.83	520.98	569.19	647.65	541.68	616.08	616.88
FEB	541.30	604.68	536.13	480.72	510.74	518.01	566.89	644.33	533.37	620.07	619.12
MAR	538.07	605.68	543.20	485.81	513.65	517.45	567.71	645.55	533.96	620.30	620.57
APR	543.53	608.07	554.65	488.93	522.58	525.74	570.32	645.34	538.36	622.89	626.65
MAY	541.13	608.11	548.64	482.19	517.89	523.65	570.15	648.91	542.65	616.23	625.22
JUN	546.61	611.80	549.26	484.02	526.41	529.54	572.24	653.00	546.10	619.70	629.36
JUL	549.28	612.94	544.93	477.97	529.15	535.22	572.41	654.53	547.89	623.98	627.47
AUG	545.70	611.45	537.80	473.27	518.55	537.92	570.49	653.74	543.48	623.18	626.80
SEP	539.39	611.51	540.38	483.17	515.57	541.05	572.56	654.06	545.10	622.87	623.61
OCT	545.62	613.72	545.71	477.39	518.28	547.49	574.01	655.09	547.36	625.70	627.62
NOV	546.68	615.55	546.85	477.80	519.49	540.36	575.13	657.68	547.49	628.91	628.40
YTD AVG	543.36	609.95	543.61	480.69	518.01	530.67	571.01	650.90	542.49	621.81	624.70

% CHANGE (YEAR OVER YEAR)

												MAN. RANK
1994	1.5	1.8	1.1	0.1	0.3	-0.2	0.8	2.6	2.9	0.1	3.5	4
1995	0.9	1.0	0.5	2.6	-1.3	1.9	0.5	0.9	1.0	0.1	2.9	6
1996	2.1	2.1	-0.6	5.2	1.1	0.3	0.9	2.5	3.3	4.2	2.2	6
1997	1.6	2.1	-1.0	-3.0	1.4	2.1	1.9	2.1	3.6	4.0	1.1	6
1998	3.2	1.4	0.3	1.4	1.8	0.5	1.2	1.2	2.2	2.4	0.7	1
YTD 99/ YTD 98	0.5	0.6	3.0	0.0	1.7	1.0	-0.1	0.6	0.9	1.2	1.0	8

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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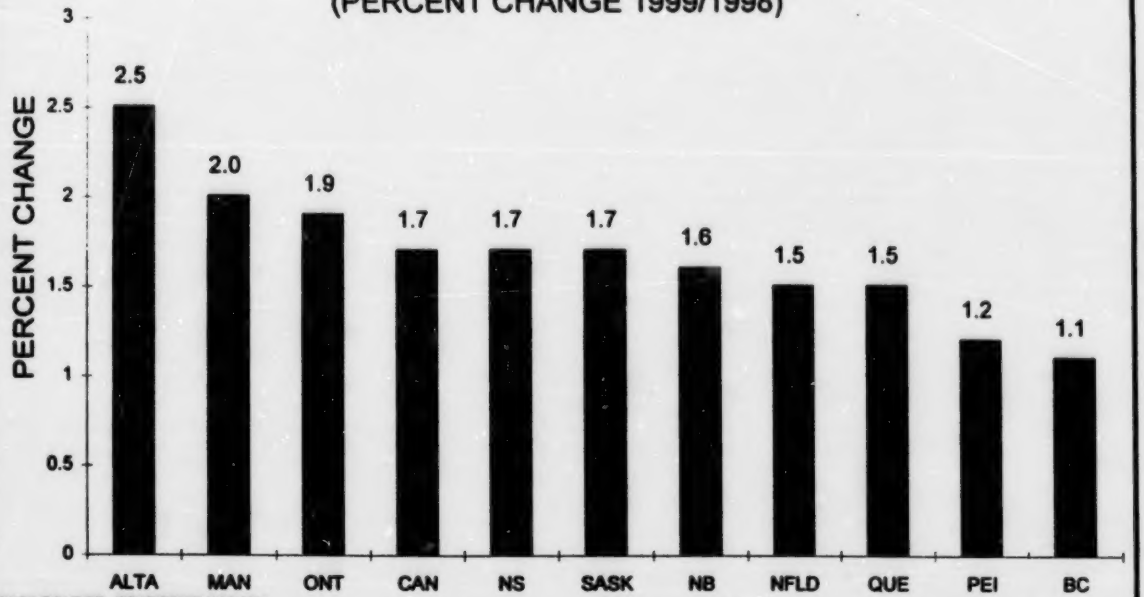
CHART 5 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, ALL ITEMS (1992 - 100)

(PERCENT CHANGE 1999/1998)



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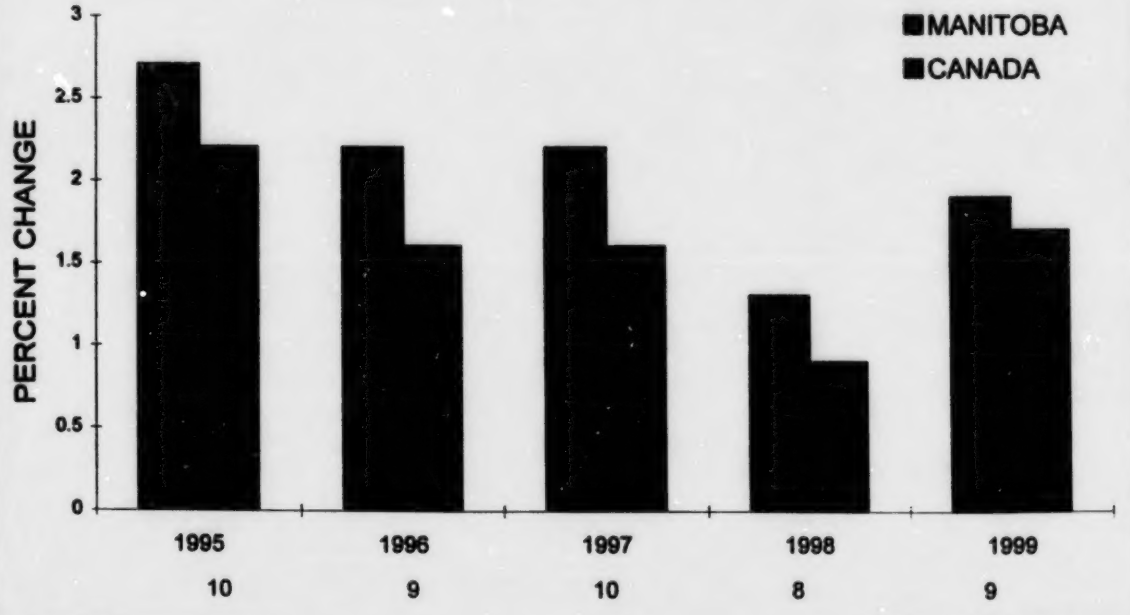

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, ALL ITEMS (1992 - 100)

	MAN	CAN	NFLD	PEI	NS	NB	QUE	ONT	SASK	ALTA	BC
1995	106.9	104.2	104.4	103.3	103.8	103.4	101.8	104.3	106.9	105.0	107.9
1996	109.2	105.9	106.0	105.2	105.6	104.9	103.4	105.9	108.9	107.3	108.9
1997	111.6	107.6	108.2	106.5	107.8	106.9	104.9	107.9	110.3	109.5	109.7
1998	113.0	108.6	108.4	106.0	108.5	107.5	106.4	108.9	111.8	110.7	110.0
1999	115.2	110.5	110.0	107.3	110.3	109.2	108.0	111.0	113.7	113.4	111.2
1998											
JAN	112.1	108.2	108.5	106.4	108.7	107.6	106.2	108.4	110.8	110.0	109.7
FEB	111.8	108.3	108.7	106.7	108.5	107.7	106.2	108.7	111.1	109.2	109.5
MAR	112.3	108.4	108.3	106.6	108.6	107.7	106.1	108.8	111.3	109.8	109.8
APR	112.3	108.3	108.4	106.3	108.4	107.3	106.2	108.5	111.4	110.3	109.8
MAY	113.0	108.7	108.3	105.6	108.5	107.5	106.5	108.9	112.0	110.6	110.3
JUN	113.1	108.8	108.3	105.7	108.4	107.4	106.7	108.8	112.2	111.3	110.4
JUL	113.0	108.8	108.7	105.5	108.5	107.1	106.5	109.0	112.2	111.3	110.4
AUG	113.3	108.8	108.7	105.5	108.6	107.5	106.5	108.9	111.8	111.4	110.4
SEP	113.2	108.6	107.6	105.4	107.4	107.1	106.2	109.0	111.9	111.0	110.0
OCT	113.7	109.0	108.8	106.1	108.7	107.9	106.5	109.4	112.2	111.1	110.1
NOV	113.7	109.0	108.7	106.4	108.7	107.8	106.7	109.3	112.6	111.2	109.9
DEC	113.9	108.7	108.0	106.1	108.4	107.4	106.3	108.9	112.5	111.4	109.7
1999											
JAN	113.8	108.9	108.0	105.7	108.2	107.0	106.6	109.3	112.9	111.7	109.9
FEB	113.9	109.1	108.4	106.2	108.7	107.5	106.6	109.4	112.9	111.6	110.1
MAR	113.8	109.5	109.2	106.6	108.7	107.7	107.4	110.0	113.1	111.9	110.3
APR	114.6	110.1	109.4	106.4	109.7	108.8	107.8	110.6	113.2	112.2	111.0
MAY	115.1	110.4	110.1	106.4	109.9	109.3	107.9	110.9	113.8	113.0	111.1
JUN	115.2	110.5	110.1	106.8	110.0	109.1	108.1	110.9	113.6	113.3	111.5
JUL	115.4	110.8	110.2	107.0	110.1	109.3	108.3	111.2	113.6	113.6	112.0
AUG	115.7	111.1	110.6	107.2	111.1	110.0	108.4	111.6	114.0	114.3	111.8
SEP	116.2	111.4	110.8	108.2	111.6	110.5	108.7	111.8	114.4	114.9	112.2
OCT	116.2	111.5	110.9	108.4	111.7	110.4	109.0	111.9	114.3	115.1	111.8
NOV	116.1	111.4	111.1	109.4	112.0	110.4	108.8	111.8	114.5	114.6	111.5
DEC	116.5	111.5	111.1	109.4	112.0	110.7	108.7	112.1	114.5	115.1	111.6
YTD AVG	115.2	110.5	110.0	107.3	110.3	109.2	108.0	111.0	113.7	113.4	111.2

	% CHANGE (YEAR OVER YEAR)										MAN. RANK
1995	2.7	2.2	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.8	2.5	1.9	2.3	2.3	10
1996	2.2	1.6	1.5	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.9	2.2	0.9	9
1997	2.2	1.6	2.1	1.2	2.1	1.9	1.5	1.9	1.3	2.1	0.7	10
1998	1.3	0.9	0.2	-0.5	0.6	0.6	1.4	0.9	1.4	1.1	0.3	8
1999	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.2	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.9	1.7	2.4	1.1	9
YTD 99/ YTD 98	2.0	1.7	1.5	1.2	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.9	1.7	2.5	1.1	9

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA
NOTE: YEAR-TO-DATE PERCENT CHANGE IS BASED ON YEAR-TO-DATE AVERAGES.

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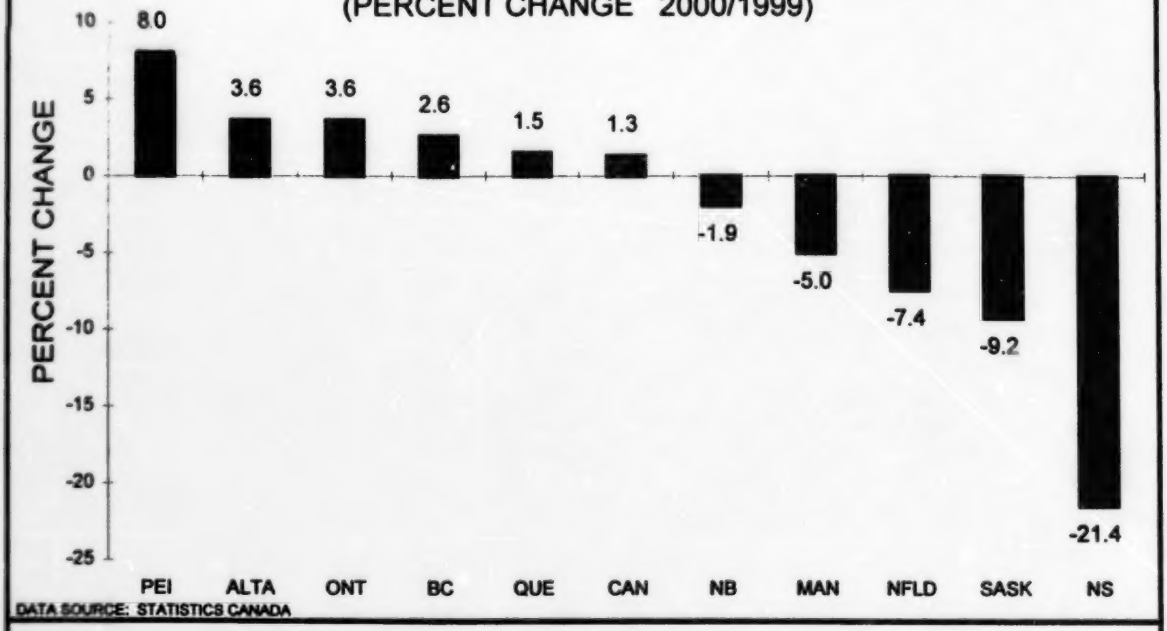
CHART 6 TOTAL CAPITAL INVESTMENT
(PERCENT CHANGE 2000/1999)



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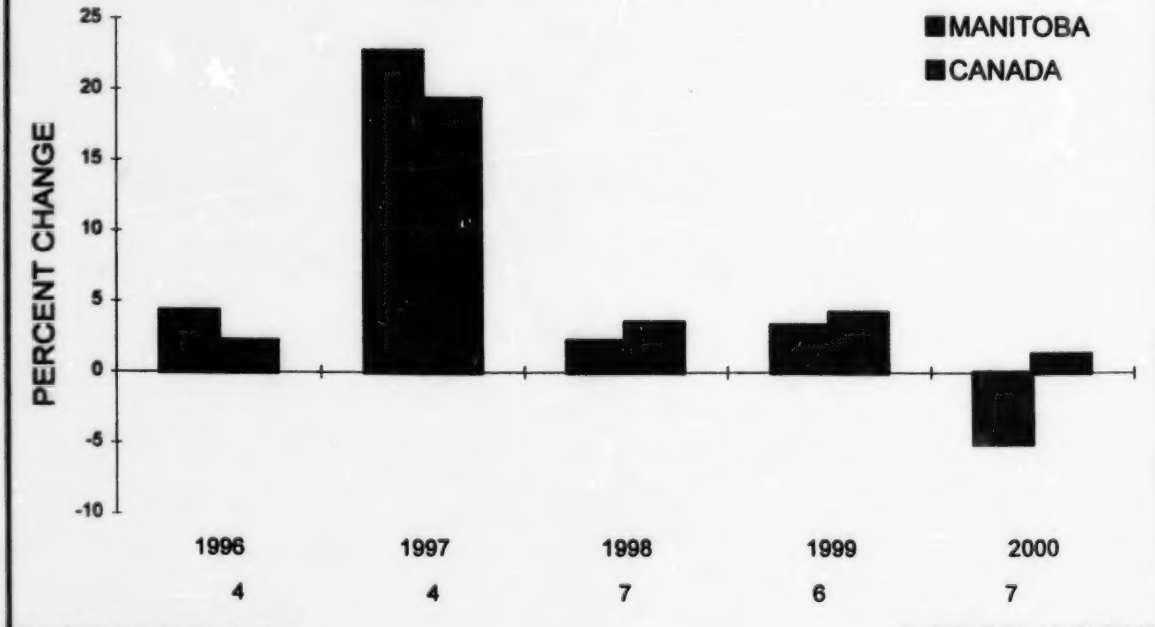

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TOTAL CAPITAL INVESTMENT (MILLIONS OF DOLLARS)

	MAN	CAN	NFLD	PEI	NS	NB	QUE	ONT	SASK	ALTA	BC
1996	3,978.0	135,537.1	2,405.2	463.8	3,009.2	2,733.3	26,829.0	49,425.5	5,472.2	21,364.8	18,774.6
1997	4,882.3	161,725.5	2,738.0	444.5	3,964.4	2,675.1	29,568.9	58,321.7	7,448.5	28,833.9	21,806.6
1998	4,990.6	167,376.9	2,774.2	462.3	4,304.7	3,046.1	31,285.3	60,386.8	6,603.1	32,284.2	20,055.2
1999	5,152.8	174,332.8	3,357.8	455.9	5,124.4	3,682.9	33,696.4	63,479.7	6,751.3	31,291.7	20,338.3
2000	4,893.8	176,552.1	3,109.2	492.2	4,029.9	3,613.8	34,198.9	65,733.3	6,133.3	32,430.8	20,862.8

	% CHANGE (YEAR OVER YEAR)										MAN. RANK
1996	4.3	2.2	-18.1	-16.9	1.2	6.6	4.1	4.6	11.5	2.2	-6.1	4
1997	22.7	19.3	13.8	-4.2	31.7	-2.1	10.2	18.0	36.1	35.0	16.1	4
1998	2.2	3.5	1.3	4.0	8.6	13.9	5.8	3.5	-11.3	12.0	-8.0	7
1999	3.3	4.2	21.0	-1.4	19.0	20.9	7.7	5.1	2.2	-3.1	1.4	6
2000	-5.0	1.3	-7.4	8.0	-21.4	-1.9	1.5	3.6	-9.2	3.6	2.6	7

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA
NOTE: 1998 ACTUAL, 1999 PRELIMINARY ACTUAL, 2000 INTENTIONS.

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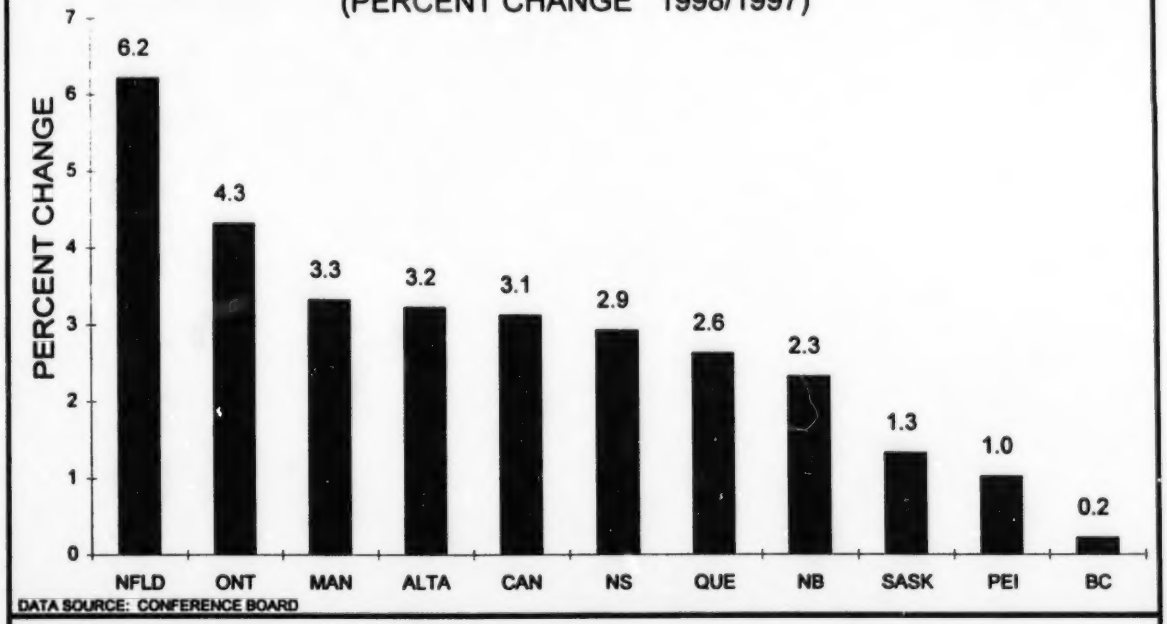
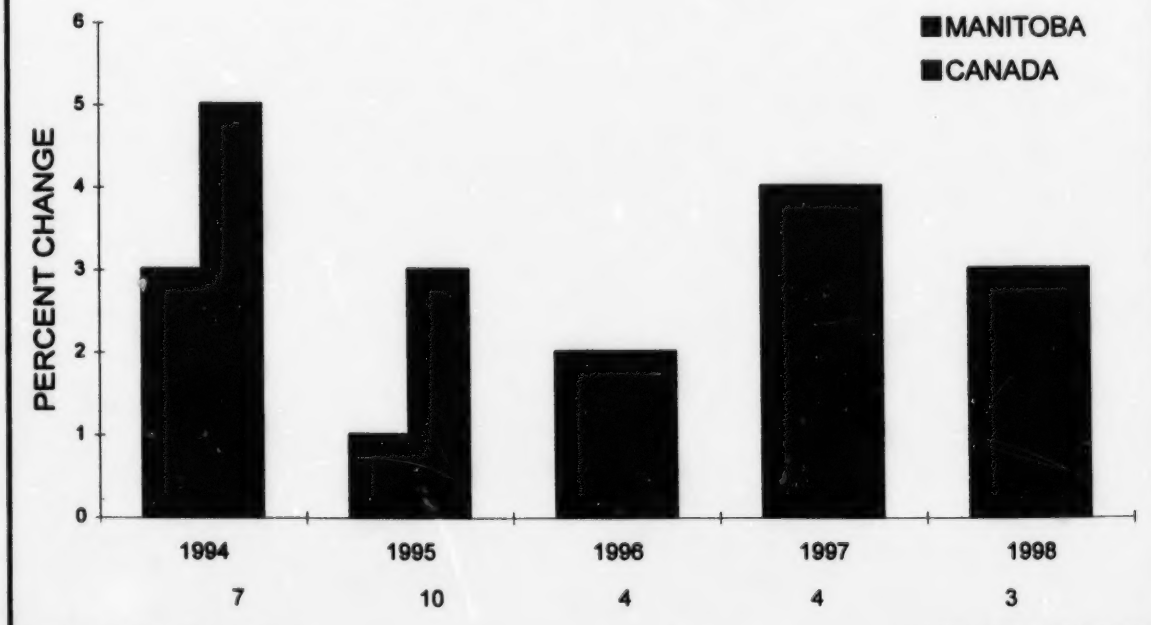
CHART 7 REAL GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AT MARKET PRICES

(PERCENT CHANGE 1998/1997)



DATA SOURCE: CONFERENCE BOARD

(PERCENT CHANGE 1994 - 1998)



DATA SOURCE: CONFERENCE BOARD
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GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AT MARKET PRICES (MILLIONS OF 1992 DOLLARS)

	MAN	CAN	NFLD	PEI	NS	NB	QUE	ONT	SASK	ALTA	BC
1994	25,298	748,350	10,126	2,492	18,256	14,643	167,241	305,223	23,603	84,622	93,355
1995	25,445	769,082	10,348	2,629	18,578	15,071	170,366	316,581	23,934	87,161	95,370
1996	25,990	782,130	10,007	2,667	18,602	15,320	172,826	321,562	24,542	89,040	97,788
1997	26,955	813,031	10,154	2,680	19,124	15,427	178,611	335,616	25,782	95,547	99,467
1998	27,842	838,265	10,785	2,706	19,674	15,782	183,223	350,083	26,116	98,630	99,708

% CHANGE (YEAR OVER YEAR)

												MAN. RANK
1994	3.4	4.7	4.7	5.1	0.3	2.0	3.9	5.9	4.2	6.1	3.1	7
1995	0.6	2.8	2.2	5.5	1.8	2.9	1.9	3.7	1.4	3.0	2.2	10
1996	2.1	1.7	-3.3	1.4	0.1	1.7	1.4	1.6	2.5	2.2	2.5	4
1997	3.7	4.0	1.5	0.5	2.8	0.7	3.3	4.4	5.1	7.3	1.7	4
1998	3.3	3.1	6.2	1.0	2.9	2.3	2.6	4.3	1.3	3.2	0.2	3

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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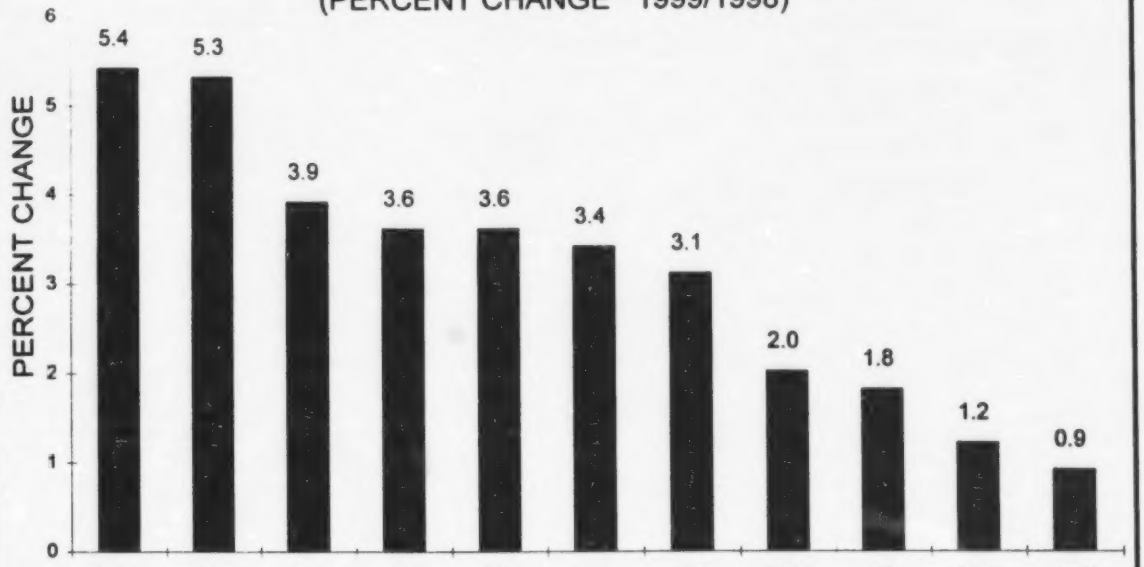
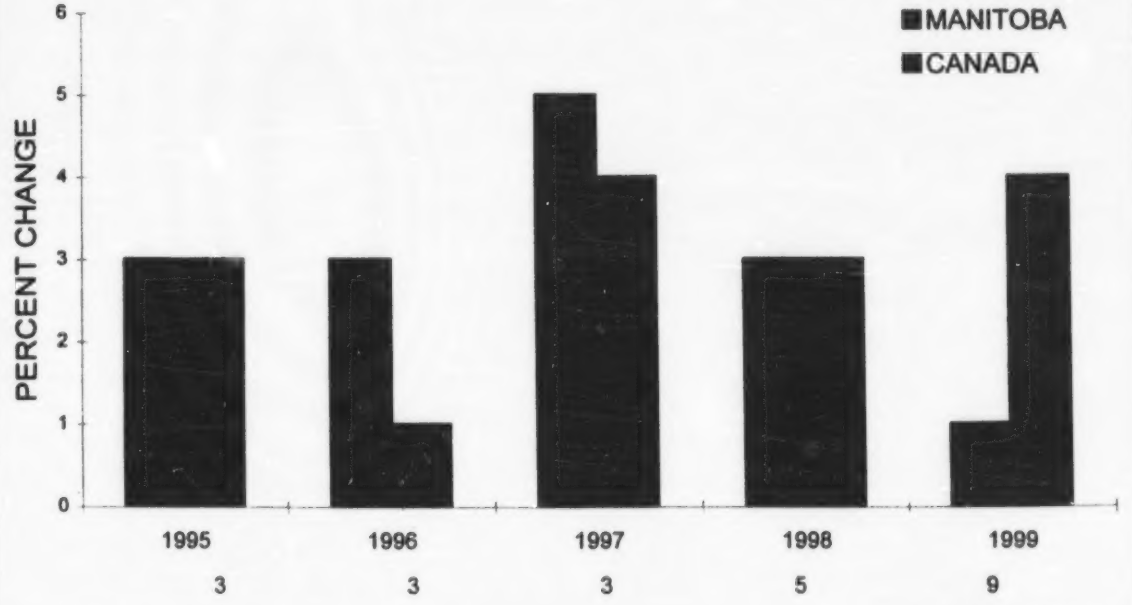
CHART 8 REAL GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AT FACTOR COST

(PERCENT CHANGE 1999/1998)



DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

(PERCENT CHANGE 1995 - 1999)



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GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AT FACTOR COST (MILLIONS OF 1992 DOLLARS)

	MAN	CAN	NFLD	PEI	NS	NB	QUE	ONT	SASK	ALTA	BC
1995	22,991	662,120	8,528	2,321	16,284	12,875	144,234	268,181	21,346	77,956	84,227
1996	23,619	671,391	8,419	2,389	16,335	12,978	145,366	272,215	22,101	79,760	84,919
1997	24,710	698,264	8,572	2,436	16,668	13,080	148,910	284,485	23,439	85,779	86,915
1998	25,465	717,754	8,971	2,517	17,276	13,391	153,399	295,402	23,741	86,814	86,690
1999	25,768	743,863	9,458	2,594	17,858	13,909	158,950	311,141	24,225	87,587	88,238

	% CHANGE (YEAR OVER YEAR)										MAN. RANK
1995	3.2	2.5	0.8	4.9	1.8	2.9	1.3	3.3	1.1	2.6	2.1	3
1996	2.7	1.4	-1.3	2.9	0.3	0.8	0.8	1.5	3.5	2.3	0.8	3
1997	4.6	4.0	1.8	2.0	2.0	0.8	2.4	4.5	6.1	7.5	2.4	3
1998	3.1	2.8	4.7	3.3	3.6	2.4	3.0	3.8	1.3	1.2	-0.3	5
1999	1.2	3.6	5.4	3.1	3.4	3.9	3.6	5.3	2.0	0.9	1.8	9

DATA SOURCE: CONFERENCE BOARD
NOTE: FACTOR COST EQUALS MARKET PRICES MINUS INDIRECT TAXES PLUS SUBSIDIES

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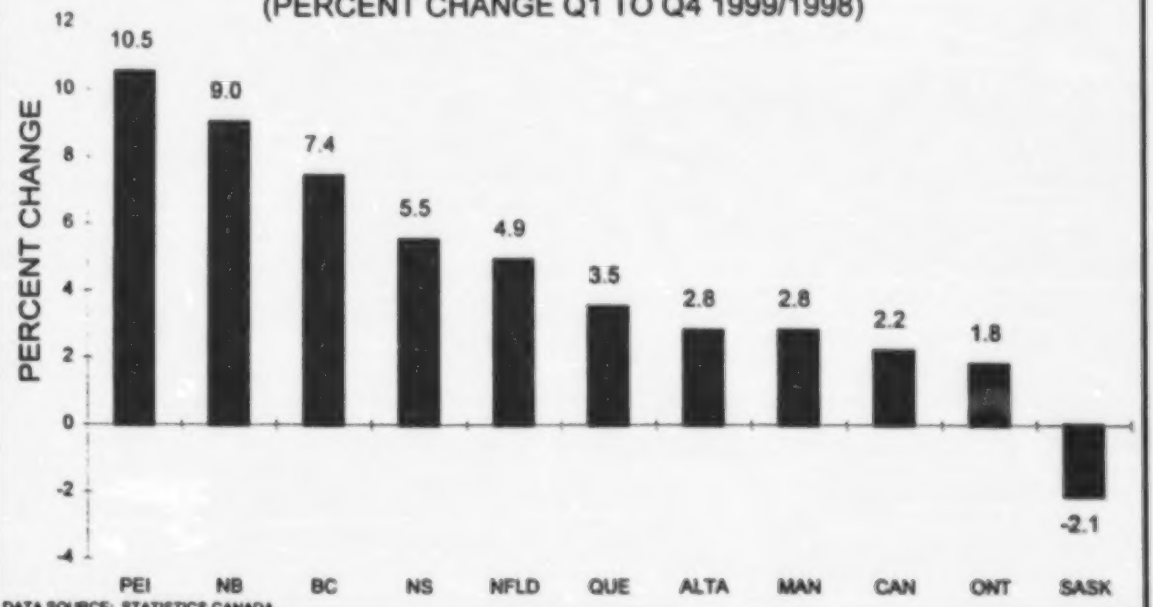
CHART 9 FARM CASH RECEIPTS
(PERCENT CHANGE Q1 TO Q4 1999/1998)



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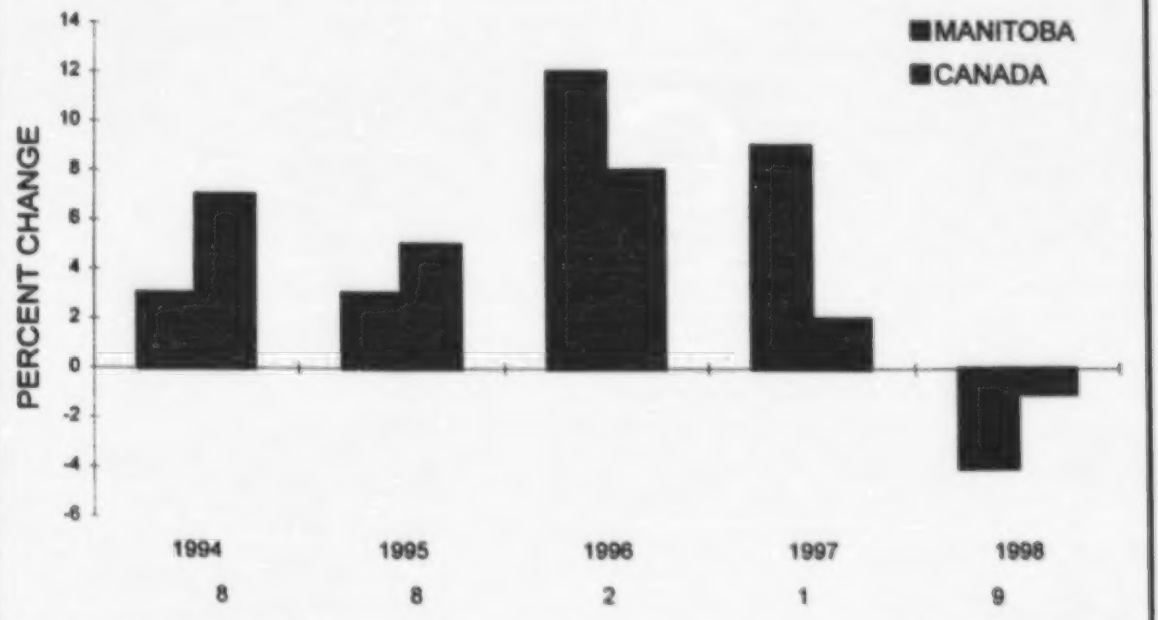

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FARM CASH RECEIPTS (MILLIONS OF DOLLARS)

	MAN	CAN	NFLD	PEI	NS	NB	QUE	ONT	SASK	ALTA	BC	
1994	2,461.0	25,934.9	63.1	307.5	326.2	291.6	4,214.3	6,097.8	5,059.8	5,570.2	1,543.4	
1995	2,523.1	27,173.5	65.7	311.6	338.9	287.8	4,354.3	6,347.4	5,397.0	5,949.2	1,598.5	
1996	2,815.9	29,360.7	75.8	289.1	377.5	310.8	4,711.7	6,724.3	5,778.5	6,567.4	1,709.7	
1997	3,065.4	30,061.2	76.9	274.1	377.7	313.2	4,791.8	6,890.3	6,036.7	6,478.9	1,756.1	
1998	2,945.9	29,648.4	74.4	312.9	375.6	336.6	4,875.8	6,902.2	5,618.8	6,393.4	1,812.8	
1998												
Q1	858.1	7,959.4	16.9	83.8	85.4	76.8	1,043.5	1,639.2	1,991.6	1,741.3	422.7	
Q2	580.4	6,731.4	17.3	87.5	80.5	85.3	1,316.9	1,602.1	1,033.2	1,422.1	506.1	
Q3	722.9	7,128.1	19.4	62.0	97.1	81.8	1,124.8	1,737.7	1,247.7	1,631.7	403.1	
Q4	784.5	7,829.5	20.8	79.7	112.6	92.7	1,390.6	1,923.1	1,346.3	1,598.3	480.9	
1999												
Q1	901.8	7,834.0	18.3	102.1	85.9	86.2	1,094.2	1,629.2	1,798.0	1,681.6	436.7	
Q2	611.4	6,793.6	19.1	91.7	82.0	93.9	1,351.0	1,621.5	936.0	1,462.1	525.0	
Q3	739.7	7,523.8	20.6	70.4	107.8	89.4	1,258.6	1,807.6	1,295.1	1,698.2	436.4	
Q4	776.2	8,160.1	20.1	81.7	120.5	97.5	1,342.8	1,970.8	1,469.1	1,731.4	549.7	
YTD TOT	3,029.2	30,311.4	78.1	345.9	396.3	366.9	5,046.6	7,029.2	5,498.3	6,573.3	1,947.8	
				% CHANGE (YEAR OVER YEAR)								MAN. RANK
1994	3.1	7.0	1.6	29.3	4.6	3.4	6.1	2.9	11.2	10.2	6.3	8
1995	2.5	4.8	4.1	1.4	3.9	-1.3	3.3	4.1	6.7	6.8	3.6	8
1996	11.6	8.0	15.5	-7.2	11.4	8.0	8.2	5.9	7.1	10.4	7.0	2
1997	8.9	2.4	1.3	-5.2	0.0	0.8	1.7	2.5	4.5	-1.3	2.7	1
1998	-3.9	-1.4	-3.2	14.2	-0.6	7.5	1.8	0.2	-6.9	-1.3	3.2	9
YTD 99/ YTD 98	2.8	2.2	4.9	10.5	5.5	9.0	3.5	1.8	-2.1	2.8	7.4	7

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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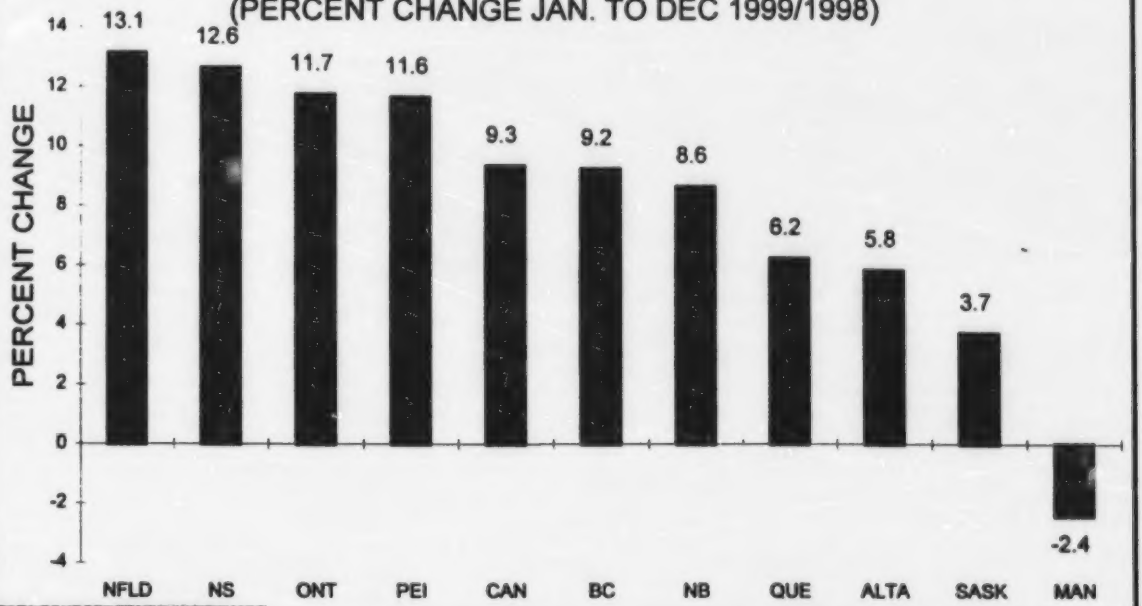
CHART 10 VALUE OF MANUFACTURING SHIPMENTS

(PERCENT CHANGE JAN. TO DEC 1999/1998)



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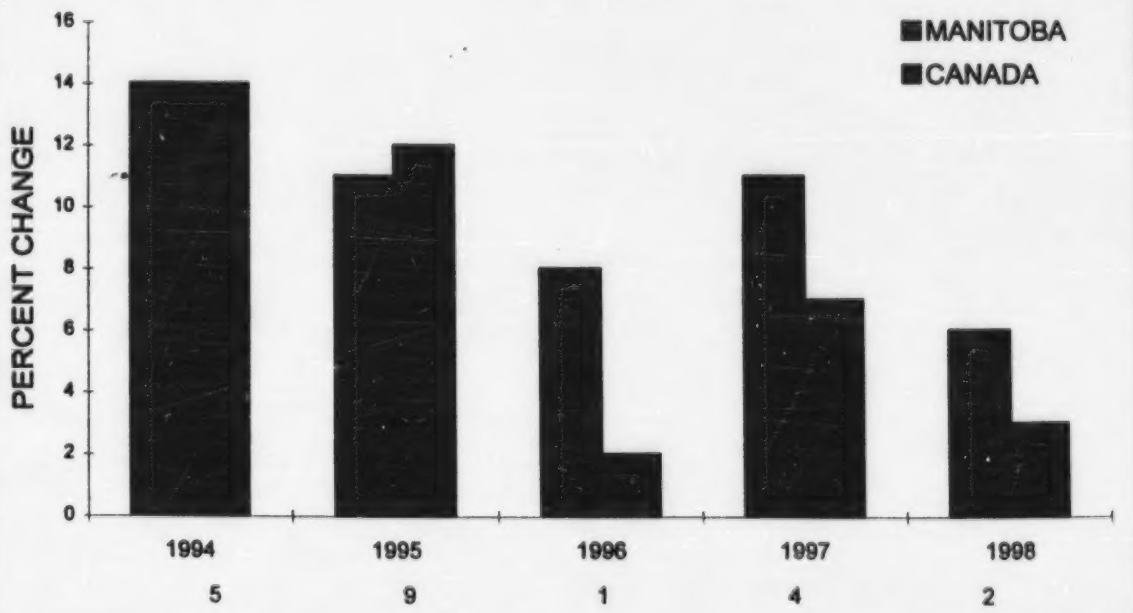

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MANUFACTURING SHIPMENTS (MILLIONS OF DOLLARS)

	MAN	CAN	NFLD	PEI	NS	NB	QUE	ONT	SASK	ALTA	BC
1994	7,542.0	352,893.1	1,422.9	540.0	5,407.3	7,044.5	85,185.6	184,968.6	4,409.4	25,289.8	31,048.2
1995	8,334.3	396,903.4	1,639.0	704.2	5,959.9	8,317.2	94,419.5	208,614.7	4,917.7	28,886.9	35,040.3
1996	8,971.5	406,819.7	1,618.3	694.1	6,307.8	8,365.3	97,403.3	212,948.1	5,286.6	31,070.8	34,096.0
1997	9,999.0	435,030.8	1,659.7	809.6	6,474.7	8,447.5	103,289.8	228,918.9	6,126.0	34,672.6	34,582.6
1998	10,613.2	448,753.1	1,750.1	885.6	6,829.4	8,079.2	107,331.7	240,016.1	5,895.5	33,409.0	33,890.2
1998											
JAN	779.3	33,045.5	108.5	53.4	501.5	630.2	7,343.0	18,048.8	460.3	2,686.3	2,430.6
FEB	811.6	34,936.0	119.1	53.1	497.1	595.8	8,082.3	19,154.1	469.1	2,569.0	2,580.9
MAR	923.6	39,469.0	127.3	64.8	571.1	673.3	9,441.0	21,373.1	528.2	2,841.4	2,920.3
APR	913.0	37,765.2	129.7	57.4	541.1	620.7	8,976.5	20,397.1	532.4	2,862.9	2,729.9
MAY	916.9	38,389.9	160.0	80.8	578.5	731.2	9,282.0	20,447.8	554.9	2,919.6	2,714.9
JUN	962.1	37,903.0	176.6	104.6	600.2	728.2	9,188.8	19,767.8	512.2	2,877.0	2,981.8
JUL	844.3	32,404.0	177.8	80.7	574.8	585.9	8,030.2	15,899.7	483.8	2,798.3	2,924.0
AUG	836.0	37,007.4	172.3	77.8	577.8	684.3	9,100.8	19,441.6	489.6	2,761.4	2,891.5
SEP	949.8	39,647.3	145.1	81.7	593.3	712.9	9,784.6	21,016.3	502.8	2,830.9	3,026.3
OCT	934.5	40,819.4	151.5	98.7	640.0	725.8	9,760.2	22,136.9	477.6	2,873.1	3,028.8
NOV	908.0	39,703.9	133.9	84.9	602.8	718.0	9,380.1	21,919.5	480.6	2,688.3	2,833.4
DEC	836.0	37,662.5	149.4	68.0	561.3	672.8	8,972.4	20,413.3	484.2	2,711.0	2,831.3
1999											
JAN	792.2	35,171.5	104.0	59.1	534.1	576.8	8,271.3	19,804.2	424.7	2,344.1	2,887.5
FEB	803.2	36,607.6	130.9	57.9	514.9	559.9	8,233.4	20,865.2	449.7	2,323.9	2,665.2
MAR	924.3	42,613.4	142.2	69.4	586.3	648.2	9,733.9	23,960.9	536.0	2,889.7	3,160.6
APR	883.1	39,969.6	132.5	66.9	623.8	628.7	9,091.4	22,299.0	513.1	2,781.7	2,946.6
MAY	924.7	41,133.9	178.2	97.2	650.1	783.5	9,471.8	22,233.3	543.7	3,158.8	3,088.1
JUN	906.6	42,835.3	205.5	98.5	644.1	772.0	9,764.0	23,648.6	513.2	3,047.6	3,230.2
JUL	769.8	36,187.6	219.4	91.8	631.1	759.7	8,586.4	18,512.8	520.6	2,903.5	3,188.2
AUG	827.1	42,371.3	172.3	89.9	711.5	817.8	9,698.0	23,284.7	516.3	3,060.2	3,189.2
SEP	917.2	44,011.7	178.9	90.0	668.7	815.1	10,488.4	23,765.5	528.1	3,165.9	3,390.0
OCT	898.2	43,649.4	161.8	102.5	729.1	816.9	10,273.6	23,636.3	554.7	3,226.4	3,246.4
NOV	901.1	44,647.1	175.0	99.1	713.3	788.4	10,546.9	24,490.0	511.7	3,258.0	3,160.2
DEC	811.3	41,244.0	178.7	77.3	681.3	810.6	9,821.9	21,966.2	503.1	3,203.1	3,187.0
YTD TOT	10,389.0	490,442.5	1,979.6	988.7	7,687.2	8,775.8	113,981.0	268,166.6	6,116.0	35,332.9	37,008.1

% CHANGE (YEAR OVER YEAR)

												MAN. RANK
1994	13.7	13.9	7.6	8.7	2.7	12.0	13.9	13.2	21.0	20.6	14.4	5
1995	10.5	12.5	15.2	30.4	10.2	18.1	10.8	12.8	11.5	14.4	12.9	9
1996	7.6	2.5	-1.3	-1.4	5.8	0.6	3.2	2.1	7.5	7.6	-2.7	1
1997	11.5	6.9	2.6	16.6	2.6	1.0	6.0	7.5	15.9	11.6	1.4	4
1998	6.1	3.2	5.4	9.4	5.5	-4.4	3.9	4.8	-3.8	-3.6	-2.0	2
YTD 99/ YTD 98	-2.4	9.3	13.1	11.6	12.6	8.6	6.2	11.7	3.7	8.8	9.2	10

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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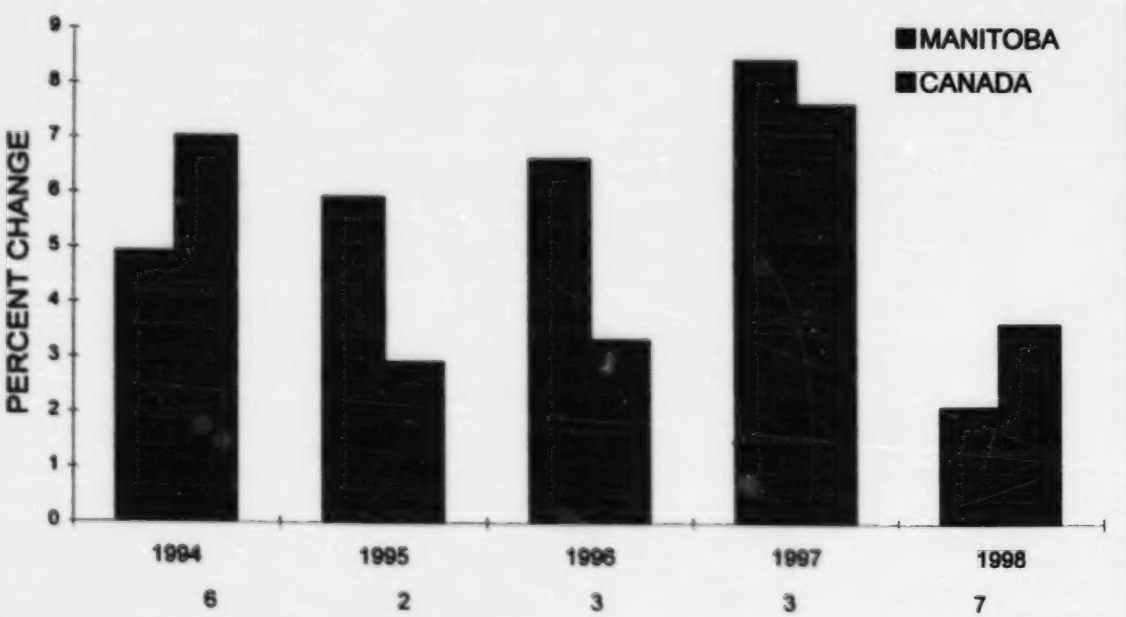
CHART 11 VALUE OF RETAIL TRADE
(PERCENT CHANGE JAN. TO NOV 1999/1998)

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA; MBS

(PERCENT CHANGE 1994 - 1998)



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RETAIL TRADE (MILLIONS OF DOLLARS)

	MAN	CAN	NFLD	PEI	NS	NB	QUE	ONT	SASK	ALTA	BC
1994	7,020.3	207,840.8	3,430.0	857.1	6,559.5	4,974.0	49,697.9	76,892.6	6,192.3	22,224.8	29,442.5
1995	7,432.1	213,773.6	3,510.2	893.9	6,482.9	5,136.3	49,291.9	79,623.4	6,491.0	22,733.3	31,496.2
1996	7,920.1	220,869.9	3,542.5	931.8	7,070.8	5,449.2	52,086.1	80,212.8	7,023.8	23,805.8	32,070.8
1997	8,588.9	237,596.8	3,771.9	1,003.0	7,341.8	5,614.3	55,750.5	86,412.8	7,621.9	26,938.7	33,736.0
1998	8,771.8	246,161.3	3,883.7	1,043.5	7,647.7	5,957.8	56,926.5	92,376.1	7,621.7	28,065.0	33,044.8
1998											
JAN	641.4	17,192.2	260.4	69.1	534.7	400.2	3,645.4	6,427.7	587.9	2,077.6	2,489.2
FEB	567.3	16,242.1	246.4	64.4	504.2	372.4	3,840.6	5,964.7	501.8	1,842.3	2,282.9
MAR	672.8	18,704.7	285.5	72.9	562.7	445.6	4,446.3	6,872.1	572.5	2,105.0	2,603.3
APR	734.1	20,769.4	314.6	81.1	636.8	506.8	5,025.8	7,683.3	631.7	2,338.6	2,747.8
MAY	774.8	22,296.1	350.6	93.6	673.3	543.2	5,330.4	8,376.4	661.6	2,607.3	2,913.4
JUN	768.0	21,603.0	347.6	97.7	671.0	541.7	4,978.5	8,166.3	658.9	2,443.8	2,856.4
JUL	753.1	21,650.8	350.9	105.9	688.1	542.9	5,075.9	8,022.8	661.8	2,429.6	2,941.6
AUG	726.2	20,662.2	329.2	98.7	656.2	509.2	4,746.9	7,634.3	639.9	2,351.3	2,797.5
SEP	736.5	20,617.3	321.1	86.6	621.3	497.5	4,758.4	7,818.3	641.9	2,349.8	2,717.7
OCT	763.1	21,033.7	339.7	86.6	656.3	508.3	4,933.4	7,861.9	670.6	2,395.0	2,750.8
NOV	736.1	20,673.5	343.2	84.0	654.7	499.4	4,712.7	7,943.4	633.4	2,351.7	2,651.0
DEC	898.4	24,816.3	394.5	102.9	788.4	590.6	5,432.2	9,604.9	759.7	2,873.0	3,293.2
1999											
JAN	635.2	17,861.2	262.5	69.3	538.5	403.2	4,071.6	6,645.6	551.0	2,014.7	2,410.6
FEB	600.6	16,900.1	256.8	66.3	526.1	398.4	3,903.2	6,415.9	500.4	1,898.1	2,276.0
MAR	714.7	20,145.7	323.3	80.4	605.6	478.8	4,743.3	7,611.6	585.4	2,279.7	2,652.4
APR	748.6	21,480.5	335.8	85.2	643.3	523.6	5,255.0	8,067.2	633.8	2,351.6	2,767.4
MAY	761.8	22,664.4	371.0	98.8	701.6	577.4	5,497.5	8,613.5	652.8	2,466.9	2,846.7
JUN	776.6	22,868.9	373.8	109.6	726.1	584.5	5,336.0	8,828.9	673.9	2,504.9	2,874.0
JUL	771.8	22,939.7	374.0	119.0	718.7	592.6	5,377.4	8,695.5	671.6	2,535.0	3,000.0
AUG	764.3	22,130.7	357.1	110.9	693.9	574.9	5,076.4	8,446.6	662.6	2,492.6	2,872.4
SEP	773.7	22,230.1	349.5	101.1	673.1	551.2	5,133.7	8,533.9	651.7	2,538.3	2,848.8
OCT	764.3	21,982.0	346.6	95.8	678.5	551.4	5,063.3	8,417.2	661.8	2,525.1	2,814.3
NOV	759.7	22,229.2	369.2	96.0	697.1	556.9	5,016.7	8,690.5	667.4	2,543.3	2,761.7
YTD TOT	8,061.3	233,232.5	3,719.6	1,032.4	7,202.5	5,792.9	54,473.1	88,966.4	6,912.4	26,160.2	30,122.3

	% CHANGE (YEAR OVER YEAR)										MAN. RANK
1994	4.9	7.0	2.7	2.0	2.1	-0.2	5.8	7.2	8.6	8.2	10.9	6
1995	5.9	2.9	2.3	4.3	-1.2	3.3	-0.8	3.6	4.8	2.3	7.0	2
1996	6.6	3.3	0.9	4.2	9.1	6.1	5.7	0.7	8.2	4.7	1.8	3
1997	8.4	7.6	6.5	7.6	3.8	3.0	7.0	7.7	8.5	13.2	5.2	3
1998	2.1	3.6	3.0	4.0	4.2	6.1	2.1	6.9	0.0	4.2	-2.0	7
YTD 99/ YTD 98	2.4	5.4	6.6	9.8	5.0	7.9	5.8	7.5	0.7	3.8	1.2	8

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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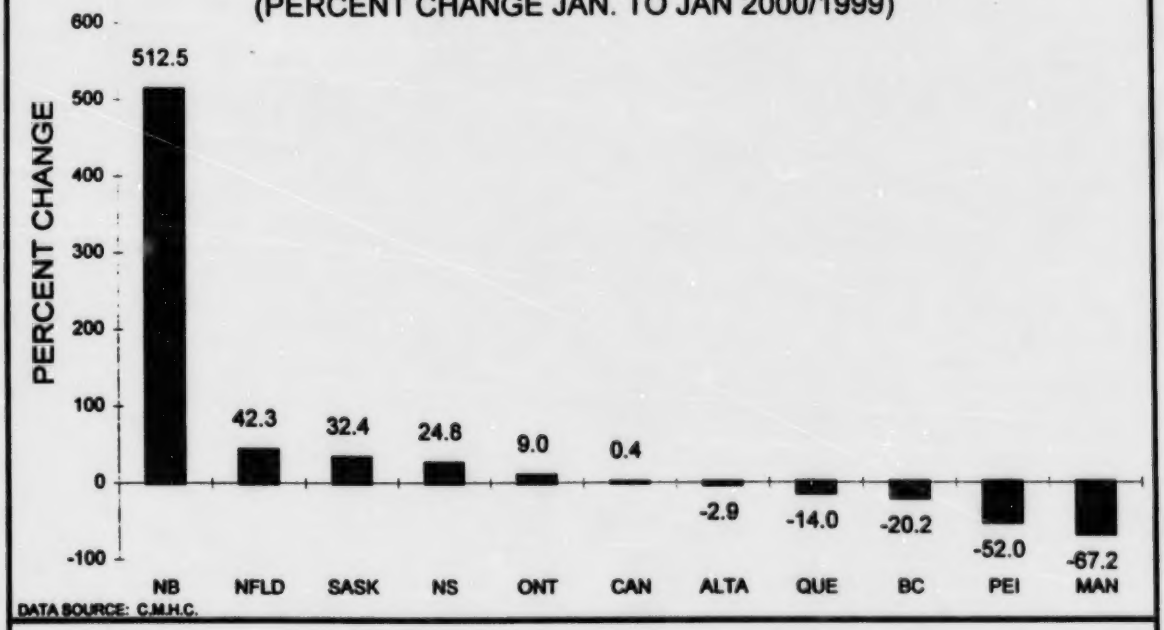
CHART 12 HOUSING STARTS IN URBAN AREAS
(PERCENT CHANGE JAN. TO JAN 2000/1999)



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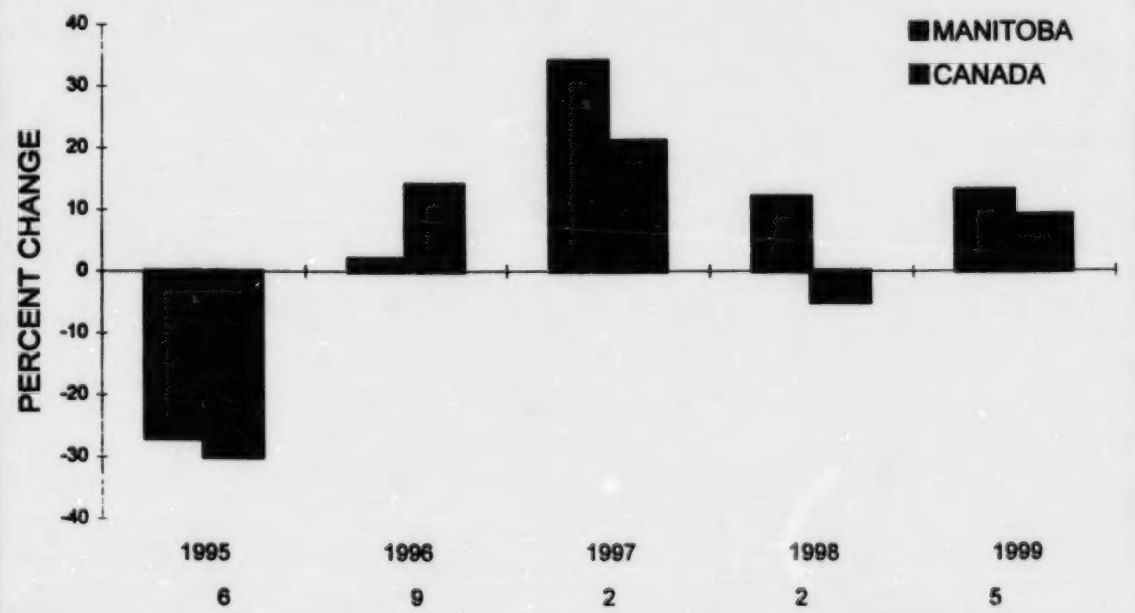

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HOUSING STARTS IN URBAN CENTRES 10,000+ (NUMBER OF UNITS)

	MAN	CAN	NFLD	PEI	NS	NB	QUE	ONT	SASK	ALTA	BC
1995	1,215	89,526	986	245	2,695	1,424	15,638	31,893	1,285	10,541	23,604
1996	1,243	101,804	1,238	372	2,806	1,611	15,909	39,512	1,894	12,475	24,744
1997	1,664	123,221	1,144	287	2,732	1,627	19,634	49,972	2,013	18,938	25,210
1998	1,856	116,793	931	292	2,171	1,615	18,343	50,088	2,141	21,725	17,631
1999	2,094	127,103	926	399	2,834	1,853	19,488	62,925	2,192	20,216	14,176
1999											
JAN	192	6,534	26	25	145	24	976	3,147	68	1,281	650
FEB	71	6,675	8	5	161	22	727	3,315	59	1,524	783
MAR	142	7,636	74	2	95	36	1,210	3,513	171	1,117	1,276
APR	202	11,480	68	32	255	106	2,457	5,656	216	1,518	970
MAY	189	13,336	74	65	369	147	2,700	6,784	212	1,428	1,368
JUN	201	13,041	107	48	374	353	2,169	6,202	208	2,210	1,169
JUL	289	11,736	101	69	266	288	1,519	5,475	336	1,969	1,424
AUG	197	11,657	122	38	149	196	1,007	5,957	232	2,438	1,321
SEP	160	11,738	88	32	258	233	1,993	5,740	270	1,561	1,403
OCT	248	11,022	91	39	324	137	1,542	5,492	184	1,871	1,094
NOV	116	11,822	116	30	278	197	1,648	6,140	115	1,732	1,450
DEC	87	10,426	51	14	160	114	1,540	5,504	121	1,567	1,268
2000											
JAN	63	6,562	37	12	181	147	839	3,430	90	1,244	519
YTD TOT	63	6,562	37	12	181	147	839	3,430	90	1,244	519
				% CHANGE (YEAR OVER YEAR)							MAN. RANK
1995	-27.0	-29.7	-33.1	-46.2	-18.4	-21.6	-42.5	-23.3	-4.9	-24.2	-31.8	6
1996	2.3	13.7	25.6	51.8	4.1	13.1	1.7	23.9	47.4	18.3	4.8	9
1997	33.9	21.0	-7.6	-22.8	-2.6	1.0	23.4	26.5	6.3	51.8	1.9	2
1998	11.5	-5.2	-18.6	1.7	-20.5	-0.7	-6.6	0.2	6.4	14.7	-30.1	2
1999	12.8	8.8	-0.5	36.6	30.5	14.7	6.2	25.6	2.4	-6.9	-19.6	5
YTD 00/ YTD 99	-67.2	0.4	42.3	-52.0	24.8	512.5	-14.0	9.0	32.4	-2.9	-20.2	10

DATA SOURCE: C.M.H.C.

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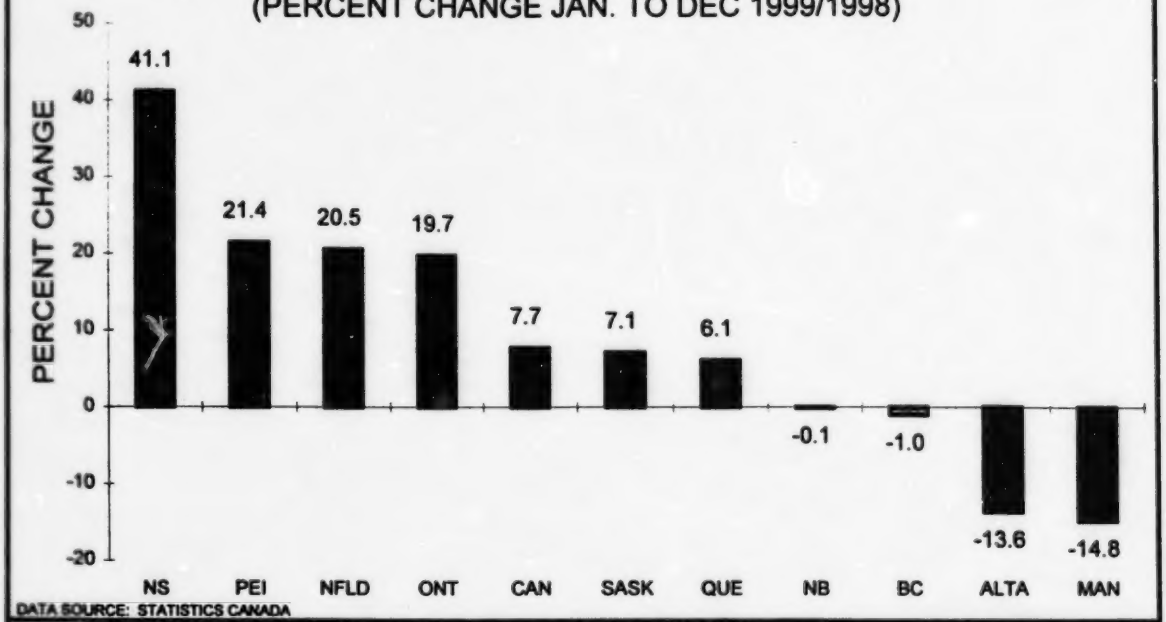
CHART 13 VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS
(PERCENT CHANGE JAN. TO DEC 1999/1998)



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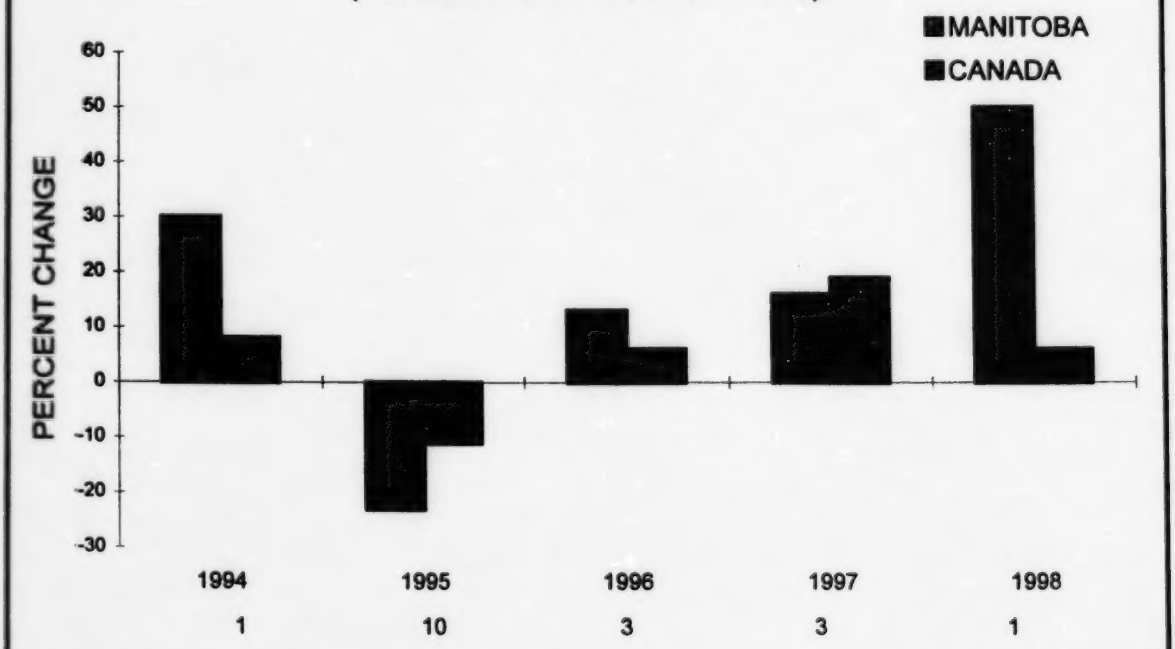

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BUILDING PERMITS (MILLIONS OF DOLLARS)

	MAN	CAN	NFLD	PEI	NS	NB	QUE	ONT	SASK	ALTA	BC
1994	685.3	27,636.7	262.7	112.7	669.2	440.5	5,898.4	10,001.3	372.3	2,740.5	6,317.9
1995	525.4	24,594.7	201.7	96.1	619.6	487.9	4,938.9	9,192.1	478.2	2,506.6	5,414.5
1996	592.3	26,155.4	224.1	95.8	689.0	441.1	4,938.0	9,597.6	543.0	2,883.1	6,053.1
1997	689.6	31,248.9	213.6	110.0	630.7	459.0	5,133.2	13,299.4	626.8	4,446.3	5,543.8
1998	1,031.8	33,199.2	252.7	116.1	637.1	481.0	5,588.2	14,007.4	672.9	5,552.2	4,739.6
1998											
JAN	32.6	1,559.9	7.4	3.7	14.5	9.6	137.5	775.6	16.1	235.9	325.8
FEB	45.8	1,893.0	8.8	1.6	23.1	11.5	289.0	803.8	21.0	350.0	336.9
MAR	77.5	2,861.1	8.9	7.1	33.1	20.3	468.7	1,390.6	44.6	408.2	397.8
APR	109.3	3,248.3	16.1	11.1	45.6	43.0	574.2	1,339.3	71.8	591.9	440.7
MAY	205.8	3,443.0	26.1	10.1	76.7	55.3	610.0	1,293.2	96.1	597.3	449.0
JUN	87.7	3,364.7	21.9	12.8	68.9	60.4	589.6	1,311.7	70.0	609.0	513.0
JUL	86.2	3,327.3	35.1	14.1	76.2	73.1	547.3	1,251.7	54.7	643.7	521.7
AUG	94.2	3,063.8	26.9	10.2	70.8	61.8	461.6	1,282.1	67.1	524.4	450.8
SEP	111.9	3,073.7	24.0	18.9	63.4	59.9	614.7	1,294.1	68.2	459.4	352.8
OCT	100.3	2,790.8	29.6	12.5	59.3	41.3	494.1	1,166.4	78.1	478.8	319.3
NOV	37.1	2,569.1	20.9	8.4	67.2	26.0	424.4	1,214.6	52.2	338.8	373.3
DEC	43.5	2,004.6	27.1	5.5	38.2	19.0	377.2	884.3	33.1	314.7	258.6
1999											
JAN	56.4	1,547.5	28.7	3.0	45.9	8.7	205.2	716.0	16.8	255.8	203.8
FEB	34.4	1,733.9	13.1	4.4	40.7	13.3	284.3	810.9	23.3	255.2	247.4
MAR	62.6	3,119.7	12.8	5.4	47.9	23.3	620.0	1,498.7	50.9	391.9	396.5
APR	99.6	3,299.0	22.5	14.4	72.9	55.1	631.5	1,523.7	83.8	384.0	399.6
MAY	88.0	3,598.2	26.0	15.4	99.3	62.2	594.3	1,693.5	57.8	484.2	462.0
JUN	83.0	3,675.2	34.5	18.0	113.6	72.7	582.3	1,540.8	74.0	507.5	620.1
JUL	84.6	3,615.0	46.6	10.2	94.8	55.3	490.0	1,694.9	110.7	543.0	471.4
AUG	84.4	3,205.7	22.4	16.1	87.6	38.6	509.6	1,496.5	78.9	434.2	423.9
SEP	90.5	3,054.9	28.5	15.6	56.4	46.3	482.9	1,441.8	74.0	463.5	346.5
OCT	85.7	3,139.6	30.2	14.5	98.8	47.8	588.5	1,395.4	53.4	420.8	390.5
NOV	64.9	3,092.7	21.3	17.9	101.6	30.0	487.8	1,581.8	40.9	364.4	375.6
DEC	45.5	2,663.6	17.7	5.9	39.2	26.9	451.0	1,368.4	55.9	295.0	355.0
YTD TOT	879.4	35,745.1	304.4	140.9	898.8	480.3	5,927.4	16,762.3	720.4	4,799.4	4,692.4

% CHANGE (YEAR OVER YEAR)

											MAN. RANK
1994	29.7	8.0	2.8	0.2	12.5	3.1	9.7	14.0	13.9	1.0	-1.1	1
1995	-23.3	-11.0	-23.2	-14.7	-7.4	10.8	-16.3	-8.1	28.5	-8.5	-14.3	10
1996	12.7	6.3	11.1	-0.3	11.2	-9.6	0.0	4.4	13.5	15.0	11.8	3
1997	16.4	19.5	-4.7	14.8	-8.5	4.1	4.0	38.6	15.4	54.2	-8.4	3
1998	49.6	6.2	18.3	5.5	1.0	4.8	8.9	5.3	7.4	24.9	-14.5	1
YTD 99/ YTD 98	-14.8	7.7	20.5	21.4	41.1	-0.1	6.1	19.7	7.1	-13.6	-1.0	10

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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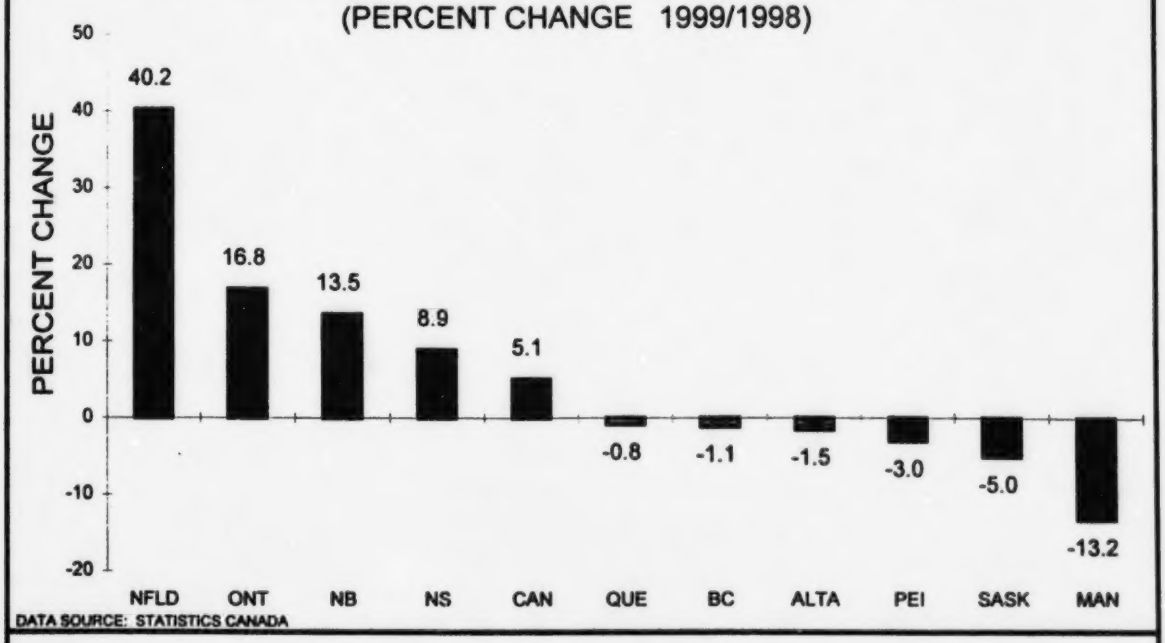
CHART 14 VALUE OF ALL CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED
(PERCENT CHANGE 1999/1998)



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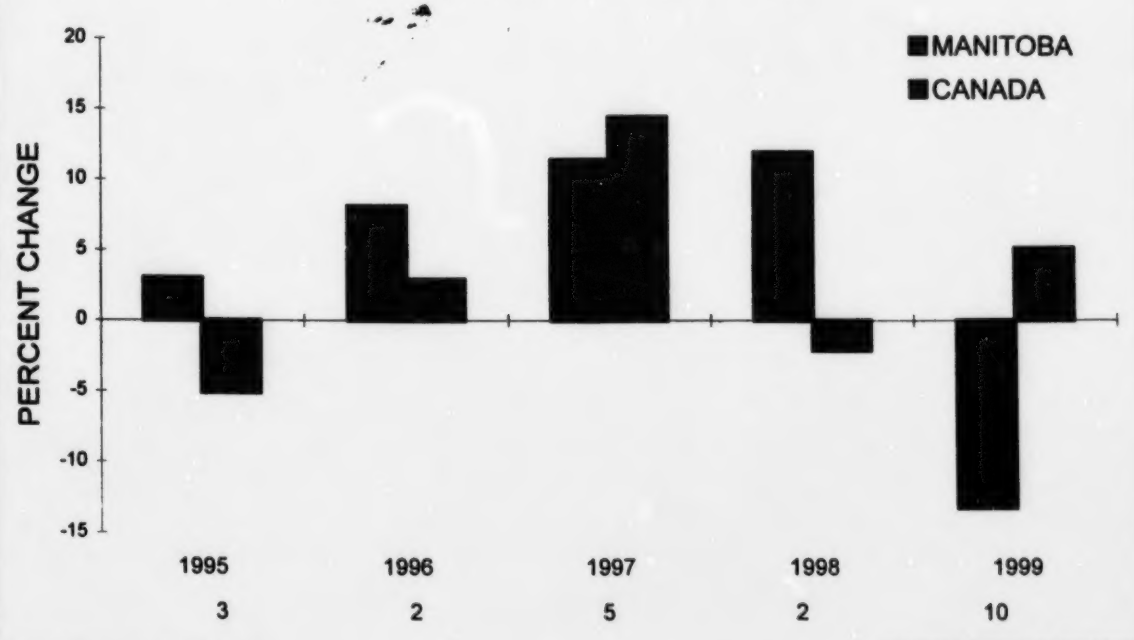

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VALUE OF NEW CONSTRUCTION WORK PERFORMED (MILLIONS OFDOLLARS)

	MAN	CAN	NFLD	PEI	NS	NB	QUE	ONT	SASK	ALTA	BC
1995	2,136.6	79,716.0	2,363.3	421.2	1,823.1	1,591.3	14,927.1	23,899.4	2,926.0	14,947.8	13,870.4
1996	2,310.7	81,997.6	1,848.4	323.0	1,824.7	1,711.5	15,879.0	25,423.8	3,423.7	15,184.1	13,148.9
1997	2,573.7	93,826.6	2,045.1	277.8	1,889.5	1,608.4	15,960.7	28,954.6	4,588.5	20,299.3	14,799.8
1998	2,879.2	91,898.2	1,965.3	266.2	2,731.4	1,746.0	17,431.7	27,935.4	3,871.2	19,354.4	12,898.2
1999	2,499.7	96,596.3	2,755.5	258.1	2,975.1	1,981.4	17,284.0	32,641.7	3,678.8	19,071.5	12,762.3

% CHANGE (YEAR OVER YEAR)

												MAN. RANK
1995	3.0	-5.1	-4.3	14.6	2.5	5.8	-13.3	-4.1	-2.0	-1.9	-5.6	3
1996	8.1	2.9	-21.8	-23.3	0.1	7.6	6.4	6.4	17.0	1.6	-5.2	2
1997	11.4	14.4	10.6	-14.0	3.6	-6.0	0.5	13.9	34.0	33.7	12.5	5
1998	11.9	-2.1	-3.9	-4.2	44.6	8.6	9.2	-3.5	-15.6	-4.7	-12.8	2
1999	-13.2	5.1	40.2	-3.0	8.9	13.5	-0.8	16.8	-5.0	-1.5	-1.1	10

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA
NOTE: 1997 ACTUAL, 1998 PRELIMINARY ACTUAL, 1999 REVISED INTENTIONS.

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